

1 August 2019

Robert Pines  
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Ref: OIA-5421

Dear Robert

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 9 July 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide a summary of all legal and other costs paid to the law firm Meredith Connell for ALL services they rendered to the NZTA and invoiced the NZTA from 1st November 2018 to 30th June 2019.

Meredith Connell invoiced the NZ Transport Agency \$7,221,290.02 for the period 1 November 2018 to 30 June 2019. A summary of those costs, per month, is outlined below:

Month	Invoice value
November 2018	\$971,943.58
December 2018	\$678,626.99
January 2019	\$650,159.45
February 2019	\$991,334.48
March 2019	\$1,110,012.87
April 2019	\$942,070.07
May 2019	\$985,307.18
June 2019	\$891,835.40

The above figures include business-as-usual legal advice as well as Meredith Connell's work to assist the Transport Agency with the review of 850 open compliance files, enforcement of our regulatory role, and costs involved with Steve Haszard's role as the Acting Manager – Regulatory. It covers all invoices received from Meredith Connell for all work undertaken by them for the Transport Agency, for the period you specify in your request.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Kalpana Narsi-Brown, Manager – Financial Processing, by email to [Kalpana.Narsi-Brown@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Kalpana.Narsi-Brown@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on 04 894 6680.

Yours sincerely



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