

27 September 2019

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Ref. OIA-5589

Dear Barry

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

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

The former Minister of Transport in 2017 said of the following planned four-lane motorways "...are expected to cost around \$10.5 billion" - can I please have any and all advice and estimates that shows the expected costs for them provided in 2017?

- *Wellsford to Whangarei*
- *East West Link in Auckland*
- *Cambridge to Tirau*
- *Piarere to the foot of the Kaimai Range*
- *Tauranga to Katikati*
- *Napier to Hastings*
- *Manawatu Gorge*
- *Levin to Sanson*
- *Christchurch Northern Motorway*
- *Christchurch to Ashburton*

On 3 September 2019, the NZ Transport Agency extended the timeframe for responding to your request. In collating and assessing the information from each of the regional project teams, we discovered that we had not done cost estimates for the statement you referenced.

The 2017 announcement that you reference, was a political party policy announcement, rather than a Government policy announcement. This means that any estimates used would have been generated by the political party themselves.

As the Transport Agency did not provide estimates for the policy statement you've requested information in relation to, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse this information. You can find the contact details for the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Ministerial Services by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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