

11 July 2017

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Dear Ms Gale

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 20 June 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

On Saturday on the Nation TV3, the Minister agreed to when asked by Lisa Owen to release an updated case including BCR to reflect the increased costs of EWL. Could this report & updated BCR please be released?

The cost range for the East West Link remains as previously reported and as per the Detailed Business Case: \$1.05 billion to \$1.5 billion (in 2015 dollars) which equates to \$1.25 billion to \$1.85 billion when adjusted for escalation (i.e. allowing for inflation).

Based on the above costs, the Benefit/Cost Ratio ranges is between 1:4 and 1:9.

The cost estimate and economics will be updated following the outcome of the Board of Inquiry to account for any changes that occur through the Resource Management Act 1991 approval process. It is expected that the outcome of the Board of Inquiry will be known in late November 2017.

As the information you have requested does not exist, pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982, your request is refused.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to withhold this information. For more information, the Ombudsman website is www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Scott Wickman, Principal Transport Planner, by email to scott.wickman@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 09 969 9800.

Yours sincerely



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