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Dear Brendan

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

Thank you for your email of 17 April 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, information held by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) on the recovery of costs relating to vehicle crashes.

As you will note below, we have not been able to provide you with all information requested. This is because the NZTA's financial system does not allocate a separate code for invoices relating to such costs. Our regional offices have had to manually collate this information. Some do not have access to the invoices for 2009 and 2010, particularly if that information is held by former contractors to the NZTA.

I am therefore declining parts of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested is not held by the NZTA and we have no grounds for believing it is held by another organisation.

In other cases, the information held by regional offices covers wider areas than those you have specified in your questions 1-3. It would take these offices a significant amount of time to manually separate the information into the areas specified. For these reasons, the information provided to you is not complete.

I am therefore declining other parts of your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation.

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 decline parts of your request. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen  
PO Box 10152  
Wellington

With the information that is available, I have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

**1. Number of invoices for recovery of crash costs for Northland, Western Bay of Plenty (including Tauranga), Rotorua, Hawkes Bay, Whanganui, Wairarapa and Canterbury for the past five years.**

<b>NZTA region</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013 (to date)</b>
Northland	Information not available	Information not available	0	0	1
Western Bay of Plenty (including Tauranga)	14	15	14	5	3
Rotorua	0	0	1	5	2
Hawke's Bay	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available
Whanganui	0	0	1	0	0
Wairarapa	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available
Canterbury	38	36	33	22	9

**2. Value of invoices for recovery of crash costs for Northland, Western Bay of Plenty (including Tauranga), Rotorua, Hawkes Bay, Whanganui, Wairarapa and Canterbury for the past five years.**

<b>NZTA region</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013 (to date)</b>
Northland	Information not available	Information not available	0	0	\$1,300
Western Bay of Plenty (including Tauranga)	\$40,418	\$37,672	\$51,666	\$4,786	\$11,022
Rotorua	0	0	\$3,679	\$12,278	\$40,758
Hawke's Bay	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available
Whanganui	0	0	\$2,576	0	0
Wairarapa	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available
Canterbury	\$197,208	\$164,956	\$408,141	\$123,143	\$110,413

**3. Largest invoice, and details of crash, for Northland, Western Bay of Plenty (including Tauranga), Rotorua, Hawkes Bay, Whanganui, Wairarapa and Canterbury for the past five years.**

NZTA region	Value of invoice	Details of crash
Northland	Information not available	Information not available
Western Bay of Plenty (including Tauranga)	\$12,139	Truck crashed on State Highway 29 (speed identified as main factor). Trailer overturned and hit a road side barrier, spreading waste material some distance along the highway.
Rotorua	\$5,554	Driver crashed into Pekatahi flood channel bridge on State Highway 2.
Hawke's Bay	\$64,691	Logging truck crashed spilling its load across the Maraetaha No 5 bridge. Caused significant damage to the bridge rail, concrete balustrades and pilasters.
Whanganui	\$2,576	Logging truck trailer separated from truck, hitting power pole and transformer on State Highway 4.
Wairarapa	Information not available	Information not available
Canterbury	\$71,580.38	Vehicle crossed centreline on State Highway 1 near Rakaia Bridge. Crashed head-on with another vehicle, damaging nine concrete panels of the bridge.

**4. Number of invoices for recovery of crash costs nationally for the past five years.**

NZTA region	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 (to date)
Northland	Information not available	Information not available	0	0	1
Auckland	Information not available	16	8	36	21
Waikato	18	12	14	11	9
Bay of Plenty	14	16	15	10	5
Gisborne/Hawke's Bay	12	10	16	26	20
Manawatu/Whanganui/Taranaki	0	15	16	13	2
Wellington	17	26	36	16	11
Marlborough	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	7	0
Nelson/Tasman	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	26	0
Canterbury/West Coast Region	39	37	33	22	9
Otago/Southland	10	13	3	9	0

**5. Value of invoices for recovery of crash costs nationally for the past five years.**

<b>NZTA region</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013 (to date)</b>
Northland	Information not available	Information not available	0	0	\$1,300
Auckland	Information not available	\$415,696	\$115,137	\$188,309	\$95,810
Waikato	\$123,711	\$97,411	\$97,665	\$16,000	\$82,903
Bay of Plenty	\$40,418	\$48,872	\$55,346	\$17,065	\$51,780
Gisborne/Hawke's Bay	\$19,646	\$21,464	\$112,320	\$258,396	\$106,869
Manawatu/Whanganui/ Taranaki	0	\$192,772	\$322,650	\$89,819	\$4,865
Wellington	\$36,214	\$108,350	\$169,668	\$62,032	\$35,890
Marlborough	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	\$52,660	0
Nelson/Tasman	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	\$98,401	0
Canterbury/West Coast Region	\$405,623	\$333,063	\$410,677	\$284,026	\$110,413
Otago/Southland	\$28,493	\$37,598	\$17,582	\$77,240	0

**6. Largest invoice, and details of crash, nationally for the past five years.**

Please refer to information provided in response to question 3.

**7. Indicative prices for road replacement costs (eg, lamp posts, median barriers etc).**

The prices for these items vary so widely it would be misleading to provide you with an indicative cost. For example, streetlight poles can be single, double or triple model, either fixed or slip base. Lamps can be salvageable or replaced. I can advise that the installation cost alone for a new single lamp streetlight is between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZTA, please contact Andy Knackstedt by email to [andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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