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Dear Lucy

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 25 June 2014 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 about the Hans Grueber toll evasion case.

1. How much does Dr Grueber owe in tolls and penalties?

- Eighteen toll payment notices were issued by Transport Agency – value of \$90.20.
- Four \$40.00 infringement notices were also issued. Infringement fees are paid to the Crown through the Ministry of Justice. Until the current legal proceedings are finalised it will not be known what penalties are to be paid.

2. How much money has the NZTA spent in pursuing Dr Grueber through the courts in trying to recover that amount?

Nil. The Transport Agency initially issued infringement notices to Dr Grueber. Dr Grueber sought a hearing in the District Court, where he was ordered to pay the infringement fees. The Transport Agency paid \$9,969.88 in external legal fees relating to this hearing.

The legal proceedings have continued, not as a pursuit of tolls owed, but as a response to Dr Grueber's challenges against the entire legal basis of tolling on the Northern Gateway Toll Road.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andy Knackstedt, National Media Manager, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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