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Dear Marty

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

Thank you for your email of 11 October 2016 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 updated figures in respect of cost recovery from motorists for 2013,2014, 2015 and the year to date. This information is set out below.

The NZ Transport Agency can recover costs from those responsible for crashes that affect the state highway network. This falls within our responsibilities as manager of a public asset and is the same principle that applies when a driver at fault in a crash causes damage to any property. The costs we seek to recover include traffic management and repair of damage to roadside equipment or signage. The amount of roadside equipment we install on the state highway is increasing over time. This includes safety barriers, urban design features and infrastructure for technology such as variable messaging signage. We contract maintenance and operation of the state highway network to contractors for each network management area around the country. Since 2013 we have been progressively rolling out a new form of maintenance and operation contract known as 'network outcomes contracts'. This roll-out is nearly complete. Prior to 2013 we recovered costs directly from those responsible for crashes. Under the network outcomes contracts, contractors seek approval from the Transport Agency for the costs to be recovered. Once approved, the contractors recover the costs directly. The consistency and accuracy of the data recording cost recovery is likely to have improved under the network outcomes contracts.

**'Please tell me the number of invoices for cost recovery sent to motorists in each region for each year?'**

NZTA region	2013 calendar year	2014 calendar year	2015 calendar year	2016 calendar year (to 26.10.16)
Northland	1	0	34	35
Auckland	21	8	8	11
Waikato	13	15	16	3
Bay of Plenty	0	0	1	1
Gisborne/Hawkes Bay	20	4	6	14
Manawatu/Whanganui/Taranaki	0	1	8	7

Wellington	0	0	32	11
Marlborough	0	2	2	8
Nelson/Tasman	3	0	0	2
Canterbury/West Coast Region	0	47	37	36
Otago/Southland	0	3	1	0

**'What was the total \$ invoiced in each region for each year?'**

NZTA region	2013 calendar year	2014 calendar year	2015 calendar year	2016 calendar year (to date)
Northland	1,300	0	128,607	114,231
Auckland	95,810	65,140	105,434	74,167
Waikato	81,441	151,212	125,945	8392
Bay of Plenty	0	0	34,355	2,829
Gisborne/Hawkes Bay	106,869	97,977	11,230	104,090
Manawatu/Whanganui/Taranaki	0	36,325	52,644	25,938
Wellington	69,513	10,718	226,403	68,880
Marlborough	3,286	3,242	-29,429	12,628
Nelson/Tasman	41,629	76,666	4,598	90,363
Canterbury/West Coast Region	0	308,890	316,904	180,179
Otago/Southland	0	13,446	6,661	0

Negative amounts relate to recovery initially sought but subsequently written off due to difficulties recovering the costs.

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](mailto:andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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