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Dear Jo

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 13 April 2017 to Hamilton City Council requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

...for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 if available.

- *How many road/street signs have been stolen/vandalised for the last three years? Street name signs and others*
- *The most frequently stolen/vandalised in Hamilton? How many times have they had to be replaced?*
- *How much does the Hamilton City Council spend on replacing/fixing signs due to being stolen or vandalised over the last three years?*

Also if all or part of the information requested cannot be provided I would like a written reason why.

The Transport Agency is responsible for the green directional signs on state highways (state highway signs) within Hamilton city boundaries. The following part of your request was transferred to the Transport Agency on 24 April 2017 for a response on state highway signs only:

How many road/street signs have been stolen/vandalised for the last three years? Street name signs and others

There have been 55 instances where state highway signs within Hamilton city boundaries have been damaged by graffiti in the last three years.

No state highway signs have been stolen in the last three years.

The Transport Agency can also advise that the cost to repair graffiti on state highway signs is on average between \$100 and \$250 per sign. This can vary depending on the size of the sign, its location and the level of traffic management required during the repair work.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Steve Cox, Maintenance Contract Manager, by email to steve.cox@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (07) 958 7220.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. BOYT', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Karen Boyt
Acting Highway Manager, Hamilton