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Thank you for your email received by the Ministry of Transport, which is now a part of the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport (the Ministry), on 25 June 2026 , requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

> "Could you please provide me a spreadsheet documenting all capital expenditure projects completed by the Ministry of Transport over the last 20 years (or as far back as you can) showing the budgeted and actual expenditure and planned and actual timelines for completion of the projects. You can limit the number of projects by applying a $5m minimum actual expenditure threshold if that helps. And if the number of projects above that threshold is still unwieldy, increase the threshold by $5m until you arrive at a sample of projects that is a fair representation of the scope of the Ministry's work over the period but still a manageable data request.
> Could you please also categorise each project with appropriate labelling? I.e. 'highway'; 'bridge'; etc."

On 29 June 2026 you refined your request to:

> "All projects in the last 5 years and the biggest project each year for the preceding 10 years? So that would be 10 total projects from ~2011 to 2021? I'm interested in getting a representative sample over time, rather than just during a period of relatively high inflation that could skew interpretation of the actual vs. budget results (to the extent inflation is not budgeted or anticipated accurately).
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> And in respect of the target organisations, I want to capture the bulk of capital transport projects delivered for the govt, so if you need to refer the request to Crown entities please do so as appropriate. I would like to include anything covered by the Ministry of Transport itself, NZTA, Kiwirail and Maritime NZ, but can exclude the Civil Aviation authority."

On 3 July 2026, your request was partially transferred to NZTA, Maritime NZ and KiwiRail (relevant Crown entities) because the information requested aligns more closely with the functions of those agencies. The Ministry advised you that it could answer your request in relation to projects directly managed by the Ministry.

The Ministry has checked its records of information for capital funding for the last ten years in scope of your request. The Ministry hasn't directly managed any capital funding. All funding was provided through the relevant Crown entities, which were responsible for managing and delivering the capital projects, including the detailed project information such as scope, timing, and completion. This means that the relevant Crown entities are best placed to provide the information requested.

If you would like to discuss this decision with us, please do not hesitate to contact us at OIA@mcert.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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