

OC2240057

26 February 2024

Tēnā koe 

I refer to your email dated 26 January 2024, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"I would like to make an official information request around the financial data of the Auckland Light Rail project. Could I get any figures available on the following:

- *The total spend on the now-cancelled Auckland Light Rail project*
- *A breakdown of where the money went – i.e how much on consultant work, property purchases, planning, consultation, and any other pertinent costs".*

The following document falls within the scope of your request and is enclosed:

- ALR questions from Minister's Office 061223

This document is accurate as of 6 December 2023, and is the most up to date information the Ministry of Transport holds which is within the scope of this request.

One question in the document has been redacted as we deem it to be out of scope of the request.

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

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Nāku noa, nā



Chris Gulik
Acting Manager, Major Projects

1. Total expenditure on Auckland light rail since its inception to 6 December 2023.

Total expenditure on Auckland Light Rail as at 30 October 2023 is **\$193,807,800**.

Excluded from these totals are expert consultants and partner agency costs during the pre-establishment unit (October 2017 - 31 April 2021).

2. Total expenditure on consultants for Auckland light rail since its inception to 6 December 2023.

Between October 2017 and June 2023, \$64.224m has been spent on consultants and contractors.

3. Total expenditure on advertising for Auckland light rail since its inception to 6 December 2023.

\$353,949.43 has been spent on advertising by Auckland Light Rail Ltd since its inception to 1 July 2023.

4. Total expenditure on business cases for Auckland light rail since its inception to 6 December 2023.

With the exception of the purchase of land, all the work on Auckland light rail has been done to develop business cases, and other preparatory work that supports that e.g. consenting work. Therefore the expenditure on business cases is the total expenditure on the project minus the cost of the land purchase, which is \$160,984,618.

5. Total expenditure on capital works for Auckland light rail since its inception to 6 December 2023.

No capital works have been undertaken for Auckland light rail. The only capex costs have been for office furniture for ALR Ltd and the cost of purchasing 317 New North Road, Kingsland, Auckland, which was \$32,823,182.

Out of Scope

