

LGOIMA

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**Request
from:**

For: Spraying with Chemical Herbicides

**Response
by:**

Rosie Bartlett
Manager Parks and Facilities



Ref: 1944490

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30 October 2019

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Dear [REDACTED]

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ROADSIDE AND
PLAYGROUND SPRAYING WITH CHEMICAL HERBICIDES**

I refer to your official information request dated 7 October 2019 for information on how much Council spends on roadside spraying per annum, the different chemical herbicides used? The annual calendar of weed control, for example: how often are culverts and roadsigns sprayed and how often playgrounds and parks.

We have transferred part of your request to NELMAC LTD. Part of the information to which your request relates regarding the frequency of spaying of playgrounds and parks is under contract to NELMAC to provide this service and is not held by Council. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the OIA /12 of the LGOIMA to transfer this part of your request.

I understand you will hear further from NELMAC LTD concerning the frequency of spraying playgrounds and parks part of your request. The contact at NELMAC is Mark Jowsey, Contracts Manager Recreation, [REDACTED]

The remainder of the information you requested is below.

The maintenance of roadside vegetation involves spraying and mowing, and the annual lump sum amount for these combined activities is \$242,051.

The chemicals used in Roadside vegetation spraying are Glyphosate; Metsulfuron and Organic Silicone.

Spraying of culverts and road signs is completed approximately 5 times a year, and this frequency is seasonally dependent.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Rosie Bartlett

[Redacted]

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

Rosie Bartlett
Manager Parks and Facilities

[REDACTED]

From: no-reply@ncc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 6 October 2019 2:43 PM
To: LGOIMA
Subject: Official Information Request

Your Details

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Organisation, if applicable

Postal Address

Email

[REDACTED]

Daytime Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Request details

Type of request

LGOIMA (Official information request)

Details of your request

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please supply the following information under the [Official Information Act (OIA) / Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA)]:

I'm interested to know how much Council spends on roadside spraying per annum. Are you able to provide information for the different chemical herbicides used?

If possible, I'd also like to know the annual calendar of weed control, for example: how often are culverts and roadsides sprayed and how often playgrounds and parks.

If you need any more information from me please let me know as soon as possible.

I understand that a decision on a request for information under the [OIA/LGOIMA] should be made within 20 working days of receiving that request.

If you do not normally deal with official information requests, or you need advice on dealing with this request, guidance is available from the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Supporting Document