

24 October 2019

**Response to official information request for spends on roadside spraying and weed control**

I refer to your request for official information received 6 October 2019 relating to spends on roadside spraying and weed control. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

**1. 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?**

- Council carries out roadside spraying twice a year at a cost (in total) of \$66,000.00
- The following weed spray mix is used for rural and urban roadside weed control:
  - Glyphosate 510 (rate = 700ml / 100L water)
  - Meturon (rate = 5gm / 100L water)
  - Organosilicone (rate = 100ml / 100L water)

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

- Council typically programmes to undertake roadside spraying in November and March however this can be adjusted due to weather patterns for the specific year. Further additional spraying can be, and has been, requested to address unseasonable high rates of vegetation growth.
- The table below outlines how often our playgrounds and parks are sprayed, what is used and what weeds are targeted:

Location	Frequency	Chemical	Target
High profile sport fields - Porirua Park, Endeavour Park, Ngāti Toa Domain no.1, and Te Rauparaha lawn	Maximum of six times per year	Shortstop (growth regulator)	Poa
	Maximum of three times a year	Norton (pre-emergent)	Poa
	Once in spring	Conquest	Broadleaf weeds
	Maximum of two times per year	Primo Maxx (growth regulator)	Poa

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Other sports fields	Once in spring	Conquest	Broadleaf weeds
City Centre	Maximum of two times per year	Roundup	All weeds
	Maximum of once per year	Conquest and Quantum	Broadleaf weeds
Playgrounds	Maximum of four times per year - the edging of the playground and spot spray rubber matting only.	Roundup	All weeds
Gardens	Checked monthly and sprayed if there are weeds.	Weedmaster 540	All weeds
Reserves	Pest plants (gorse, broom, old man's beard, etc.) are controlled with a combination of physical and chemical methodology. Different methods and chemicals target different pest plants.	Tordon, Grazon, Weedmaster 540, Metsulfuron	All weeds

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Darrell Statham, Manager Transport on telephone: 04 237 1431 or email: [darrell.statham@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:darrell.statham@porirua.govt.nz).

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