

9557 (2026) Belich, Camilla to the Minister of Transport

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Financial Year	Nature of work	Cost
2020/2021	Litigation	\$109,859.93
	Commercial	\$372,859.82
	Employment	\$20,004.00
	Treaty matters	\$0
	Other	\$136,913.99
	Total	\$639,637.74
2021/2022	Litigation	\$158,008.21
	Commercial	\$264,950.80
	Employment	\$11,558.60
	Treaty matters	\$0
	Other	\$116,966.72
	Total	\$539,925.73
2022/2023	Litigation	159,063.95
	Commercial	748,862.91
	Employment	15,362.60
	Treaty matters	\$0
	Other	\$146,372.26

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Financial Year	Nature of work	Cost
	Total	\$1,069,661.72
2023/2024	Litigation	\$156,259.42
	Commercial	\$112,220.79
	Employment	\$80,944.29
	Treaty matters	\$4,452.25
	Other	\$150,090.08
	Total	\$503,966.83
2024/2025	Litigation	\$336,250.20
	Commercial	\$97,700.94
	Employment	\$128,940.67
	Treaty matters	\$0
	Other	\$163,383.91
	Total	\$726,275.72
2025/2026	Litigation	\$63,941.96
	Commercial	\$190,063.04
	Employment	\$137,558.81
	Treaty matters	\$0
	Other	\$132,866.28
	Total	\$524,430.09

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We are unable to provide a detailed breakdown of Employment Relations matters as that spend was only recently fully centralised and some costs continue to be managed through other parts of the business.

Litigation costs cannot be separated by area of law, as these expenses are tracked and reported at the project level rather than by legal category. For Treaty related matters, the same limitation applies. Costs are recorded by broad area of law and not by the specific type of matter.

	Commercial	Other (CORE)	Environment & Property	Governance & Funding	Projects	Regulatory	Safety Cameras	Grand Total
FY20	\$ 883,265	\$ 363,745	\$ 936,201	n/a	\$ 9,391,402	\$ 1,886,648	n/a	\$ 13,461,261
FY21	\$ 553,851	\$ 226,494	\$ 911,812	\$ 214,581	\$ 8,374,476	\$ 936,491	n/a	\$ 11,217,704
FY22	\$ 405,999	\$ 970,466	\$ 1,020,913	\$ 175,732	\$ 9,833,589	\$ 885,985	n/a	\$ 13,292,684
FY23	\$ 451,484	\$ 585,379	\$ 780,401	\$ 227,669	\$ 11,385,211	\$ 830,659	n/a	\$ 14,260,802
FY24	\$ 222,741	\$ 385,835	\$ 392,308	\$ 194,963	\$ 11,596,107	\$ 1,015,087	n/a	\$ 13,807,041
FY25	\$ 116,102	\$ 274,694	\$ 198,319	\$ 192,338	\$ 21,050,291	\$ 1,232,926	\$ 100,477	\$ 23,165,147
FY26 – to Feb 2026	\$ 47,603	\$ 177,649	\$ 150,296	\$ 100,497	\$ 16,738,377	\$ 543,692	\$ 76,626	\$ 17,834,740