

3 October 2022

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request to the Department of Conservation, received on 5 September 2022, in which you asked for:

*“For the Wellington Harbour Islands in each financial year since 2016-17 (inclusive) the following information.*

*The budget for:*

- a. All work directly relating to animal pests including, but not limited to, planning, field work and reporting.*
- b. All work directly relating to plant pests including, but not limited to, planning, field work and reporting.*
- c. All work directly relating to revegetation (other than pest plant management) including, but not limited to, planning, training, plant propagation, planting, monitoring and releasing native plants.*

*The source of funds for each of 1a, 1b and 1c including, but not limited to, the amount sourced from central government, Treaty settlement funds and Wellington International Airport Ltd.”*

Please note the following in relation to our response below. The financial systems from where the data is extracted do not differentiate between staff time for planning, fieldwork and reporting and cannot be provided as part of the itemised cost breakdown. We regret therefore that we must refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as this information does not exist, as it is not recorded by us. The costs provided represent the operational funding only.

The Wellington International Airport sponsorship is set at \$10,000 annually. This is incorporated into the Central Government funding pool and therefore itemised here as a combined cost.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

- 1. The budget for all work directly relating to animal pests including, but not limited to, planning, field work and reporting.*

<b>Animal Pests</b>		
2016/2017	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$4,389.20
2017/2018	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$3,147.12
2018/2019	Treaty settlement	\$2,994.10
2018/2019	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$808.43
2019/2020	Treaty settlement	\$1,784.10
2019/2020	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$158.99
2020/2021	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$3,343.89
2021/2022	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$1,421.19

2. *The budget for all work directly relating to plant pests including, but not limited to, planning, field work and reporting.*

<b>Weeds</b>		
2016/2017	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$14,086.22
2017/2018	Treaty settlement	\$12,272.83
2017/2018	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$17,692.04
2018/2019	Treaty settlement	\$11,608.50
2018/2019	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$15,498.58
2019/2020	Treaty settlement	\$12,499.13
2019/2020	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$5,360.87
2020/2021	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$15,125.90
2021/2022	Treaty settlement	\$17,764.00
2021/2022	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$13,869.50

3. *The budget for all work directly relating to revegetation (other than pest plant management) including, but not limited to, planning, training, plant propagation, planting, monitoring and releasing native plants.*

<b>Planting/Revegetation</b>		
2021/2022	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$2,048.82
2020/2021	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$11.29
2019/2020	Treaty settlement	\$3,100.00
2019/2020	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$159.99
2018/2019	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$6,200.00
2016/2017	Treaty settlement	\$9,280.00
2016/2017	Central Govt/Airport Sponsorship	\$14,086.22

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department's website.



Nāku noa, nā



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