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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 27 October 2025, in which you asked for a range of documents discussing the development of the paid parking pilot programme, particularly the *“assessment of all sites considered for the programme and how the Department arrived at the decision to concentrate on the three sites that have been chosen”*. In addition, you wanted *“copies of all briefings, updates, presentations and any other documents advising Ministers or their offices about the development, establishment, implementation or progress of the Department’s paid parking pilot programme.”*

Some information in scope of your request is publicly available. The International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy Annual Performance Report can be found on the MBIE website here: [International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy \(IVL\) – Annual Performance Report 2023/24.](#)

Items 1-16 have been proactively released on either the Department’s website, or on another agency’s website. Links to items 1, 2 and 16 can be found in the table below. For items 3-15, they can be found on the following page under “Car park charging trials and International Visitor Levy (IVL)” - [Official Information Act responses 2025.](#)

In addition, please find attached a series of Status Report excerpts to the Minister of Conservation, and excerpts from the International Visitor Levy report.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on DOC’s website.

Nāku noa, nā

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Table 1 - Schedule of documents

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1.a	11 September 2024	OIAD-4329 Response Letter to Requestor <u>International Visitor Levy (IVL) - Advice to Minister of Conservation response letter</u>	Released in part – s9(2)(a)
1.b	21 September 2023	23-B-0418 - International Visitor Levy – Proposed investment projects <u>International Visitor Levy (IVL) - Advice to Minister of Conservation attachment 1</u>	Released in part – s9(2)(a)
2	12 August 2024	Growing Third-Party Revenue for Conservation <u>Growing third-party revenue for conservation - Cabinet paper, Cabinet committee minute and associated advice</u>	Released in part – s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i)
3	31 July 2024	24-B-0342 - Briefing - International Visitor Levy investment proposal - car park charging pilot (Version 25 - 7 sites)	Released in part – s9(2)(a), s9(2)(i)
4	28 August 2024	Paid car parking pilot site profile – Mangatepopo Car Park Tongariro National Park	Released in part – s9(2)(i)
5	28 August 2024	Paid car parking pilot site profile – White Horse Hill Car Park Aoraki	Released in part – s9(2)(i)
6	28 August 2024	Paid car parking pilot site profile – Dolomite Point Car Parks, Punakaiki/Pancake Rocks	Released in part – s9(2)(i)
7	28 August 2024	24-B-0342 - Briefing - International Visitor Levy investment proposal - car park charging pilot (Version 33 - 3 sites)	Released in part – s9(2)(a), s9(2)(i)
8	9 September 2024	Email on critical issues for White Horse Hill	Released in full
9	16-17 September 2024	Emails from Ops Director on suitability of paid parking at Mangatepopo car park and other suggested sites.	Released in part – s9(2)(a), s9(2)(i)
10	23 September 2024	Carparking A3 for Minister of Conservation head of officials meeting in Parliament on 23 rd of September	Released in part – s9(2)(i), 9(2)(b)(ii)
11	8 October 2024	24-B-0498 Update on International Visitor Levy investment proposal - Carpark charging pilot – Funding was subsequently approved by the Minister.	Released in part – s9(2)(a), s9(2)(i), 9(2)(b)(ii)

12	22 October 2024	Paid car parking pilot - A3 - Franz Josef Valley	Released in part – s9(2)(i)
13.a	17 October 2024	Emails from SSI Ops Director and Wanaka team on Roys Peak issues and other options for paid parking in SSI region.	Released in part – s9(2)(a), s9(2)(i)
13.b	17 October 2024	SSI potential car parks - attachment from initial email	Released in part – s9(2)(i)
14	11 November 2024	Status Report MOC 43 – Item 2.1	Released in part – s9(2)(a), s9(2)(i)
15	2 December 2024	Paid car parking pilot - Detailed Business Case (DBC)	Released in part – s9(2)(a), s9(2)(i), 9(2)(b)(ii)
16	25 November 2024	Exploring Access Charging – Proactive Release <u>Exploring charging for access to some public conservation and: Approval to consult - Cabinet paper and Cabinet committee minute</u>	Released in part – s9(2)(f)(iv)
17	Various	Status report excerpts	Released in part – s9(2)(a)
18	Various	IVL report excerpts	Released in full