

31 January 2025

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (the Department), received on 12 December 2024, in which you asked:

“Please confirm the Groundtruth company is the same company that has been granted funding to deliver TrapNZ. That Groundtruth be the seenity [sic] registered as a private company, NZ Compaines Office, having 3 shareholders.

If it is the same, what is the total DOC investment / grants / project funds released to this Company since 2014.”

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982. I have decided to release the following information in full. Our responses are listed below:

1. I can confirm that Groundtruth Limited is a company the Department has contracted for services, including the provision of TrapNZ.
2. The total funds paid to Groundtruth Limited between 1 Jan 2014 and 31 Dec 2024 were \$10,295,000 (excluding GST).<sup>\*</sup> This comprises:
  - a. \$419,000 for TrapNZ service fees
  - b. \$8,500,000 for the delivery of the Jobs for Nature Waikanae Waterways Restoration project
  - c. \$1,376,000 for various support services and field work

<sup>\*</sup> Note: all figures have been rounded to the nearest thousand

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

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Karl Beckert  
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*Te Papa Atawhai*