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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Following your correspondence received on 14 September 2025, and further clarified on the 6th of October, we understand you are requesting:

1. *Could DOC please provide a summary of any concessions that are currently in a renewal/reapplication process or are operating having had a concession expire on Rangitoto and Motutapu Island since 2022, specifically any visitor accommodation concessionaires including campgrounds, and biodiversity related concessionaires such as planting, weeding, trapping and bird monitoring*
2. *Could DOC please advise the concessionaires on Rangitoto and Motutapu Island who lodged a renewal prior to the expiry date of the concessionaires previous concession? Did those concessionaires successfully renew their concessions and were there any more opportunities explored?*
3. *Could DOC please advise if anyone renewing/reapplying for a concession from 2022 on either Motutapu or Rangitoto has had the term reduced from what it was, and could DOC please explain how and why that occurred?*
4. *Could DOC please advise how many contracts relating to routine maintenance work for biodiversity (eg. Mammalian trap work, bird monitoring and any outsourced/contract work in relation to those two areas) were awarded and who to on Motutapu and Rangitoto Islands and what the criteria is for the awarding of the contract to the successful applicant? Please provide the cost across a 24 month window to DOC per contract awarded? How are the contracts audited in terms of effectiveness and accountability?*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

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Active permissions granted by DOC, including the details of agreed activities or land use, locations and expiry dates are available on the DOC website at

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/active-concessions/>.

MOEC and Motutapu Restoration Trust are currently in 'rolling on' scenarios for the leasing of buildings on Motutapu island (not specifically visitor accommodation). This is until such point as new lease concessions are issued.

Motutapu Restoration Trust were granted permission to use the nursery site on Motutapu through a letter of authorisation issued in 2011 for a period of 10 years, with a right of renewal. The Department is working with Motutapu Restoration Trust to move to a leasing arrangement and have authorised the Trust to continue with their current agreement to use the site until such time as a new lease for the site is formally applied for and processed.

Biodiversity activities related to weeding, trapping and bird monitoring are not a concession activity and therefore do not require a concession under the Conservation Act 1987. These activities and services are addressed through community agreements or contract for services. In addition, a management agreement is in place with Motutapu Restoration Trust to undertake planting, restoration work and heritage protection on Motutapu Island.

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A list of visitor accommodation of concessions on Rangitoto and Motutapu Island for which an application was lodged prior to the expiry date of the Concessionaires previous concession is below.

Concessionaire	Activity	Date new application lodged	Expiry date of previous concession	Status
Rangitoto Island Historic Conservation Trust (RIHCT)	Public accommodation – Bookable baches on Rangitoto Island	20/03/2023	31/10/2023	Active
Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp (MOEC)	Use of structures at Station Bay for outdoor education camp	10/01/2023	30/06/2023	Currently being processed

MOEC lodged an application at least six months prior to their concession expiring, which allowed the operation of the Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp existing concession to continue after expiry under section 17ZAA of the Conservation Act 1987.

The Department is currently processing applications from the Motutapu Outdoor Education Trust (MOET) and Pou Tangata Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Community Development Trust (Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki) respectively, for the operation of the Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp (MOEC) at Raupouiti Administration Bay on Motutapu Island in the Hauraki Gulf Tīkapa Moana.

The Minister of Conservation has received two concession applications which are being notified under [section 17SC of the Conservation Act 1987](#). The applications are for:

- a) **Land Concession** – Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki seeks a concession for approximately 7.5 hectares of land comprising the outdoor education camp site (103662-INS).
- b) **Infrastructure Concession** – MOET seeks a concession for all buildings, structures, and infrastructure on the site, including the former WWII artillery barracks and modern facilities. This concession includes a requirement to retain and preserve the historic buildings (103661-INS).

In addition to these concessions, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki and MOET will enter into a sublease agreement that enables MOET to operate the camp on the land under Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki's concession. This arrangement reflects the mana whenua status of Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki and their cultural and historical connection to Motutapu Island, as recognised in the [Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Claims Settlement Act 2018](#).

MOET will continue to manage and operate the camp in full compliance with New Zealand regulations and best practices for youth outdoor education. The adaptive reuse of the historic artillery barracks for educational purposes is supported by both parties and aligns with conservation and cultural values. More information on this public notification process is available at <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/public-notification-process/>

3. *Could DOC please advise if anyone renewing/reapplying for a concession from 2022 on either Motutapu or Rangitoto has had the term reduced from what it was, and could DOC please explain how and why that occurred?*

Provision of this information would require substantial collation of information and significant staff resources, due to the requirement to go back into all concessions processed since 2022 to compare the original application to the final permit. Undertaking this work would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Department. Therefore, I must refuse this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982.

The Department can provide information on Rangitoto Island Historic Conservation Trust and Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp as per the focus of your request above. Rangitoto Island Historic Conservation Trust applied for a 5-year term and were granted a term of 5 years. Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp applied for a 10-year term, and the application is currently being processed. A summary of this information is outlined in the table below:

Concessionaire	Activity	Term requested	Term approved	Status
Rangitoto Island Historic Conservation Trust (RIHCT)	Public accommodation – Bookable baches on Rangitoto Island	5 years	5 years	Active
Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp (MOEC)	Use of structures at Station Bay for outdoor education camp	10 years	N/A	Currently being processed

4. *Could DOC please advise how many contracts relating to routine maintenance work for biodiversity (eg. Mammalian trap work, bird monitoring and any outsourced/contract work in relation to those two areas) were awarded and who to on Motutapu and Rangitoto Islands and what the criteria is for the awarding of the contract to the successful applicant? Please provide the cost across a 24 month window to DOC per contract awarded? How are the contracts audited in terms of effectiveness and accountability?*

Our previous response (OIAD-5572) provided information on all contracts, including those awarded for routine maintenance on Rangitoto and Motutapu Island in the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 financial years. This is set out in Table 1 at the end of this letter. If you require specific information about any of these contracts, please specify which one and the specific information that you require.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decisions by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the OIA.

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

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Nāku noa, nā



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*Te Papa Atawhai*

**Table 1 (refer to Question 4)**

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Procurement Process</b>	<b>Contract Value (not actual spend)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Lutra Ltd	Motutapu	Quotes sought	\$28,917	Water Assessment on Motutapu
Arbcon/ Tree King	Rangitoto	Quotes sought	\$97,966	Wilding Pine removal on Rangitoto
Island Solutions	Rangitoto	Quotes sought	\$30,721	Drone weed survey on Rangitoto and Motutapu
Sunergise EPC Limited	Motutapu	Tender	2,242,600.00	New power system upgrade
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Asplundh Ltd	Motutapu	Quotes sought	\$74,052.30	Tree removal from power plant site
Daley Property Services Ltd	Motutapu	Direct source	\$33,205.74	Plumbing (installing a new water feed)
Tonkin & Taylor Ltd	Motutapu	Direct source	\$26,500.00	Geotech consulting (works related to the quarry reports/MOEC site)
Super City Solar Ltd	Motutapu	Direct source	\$18,204.50	PV panel removal (removing PV panels from MOEC)
Revolve Energy Ltd	Motutapu	Quotes sought	\$74,000.00	New power system SME
CLL	Rangitoto	Exemption Granted for Tender	\$436,000.00	Flax Bridge replacement
CLL	Motutapu	Exemption Granted for Tender	\$700,000.00	Causeway Bridge replacement

White Fencing Limited	Motutapu	Quotes sought	\$21,060.00	New power system fencing
Dominion Constructors Ltd	Motutapu	Quotes sought	\$98,831.03	Asbestos removal on Motutapu
Daley Property Services Ltd	Motutapu	Direct Source	\$37,484.84	Building services for accommodation
Pace Construction Ltd	Motutapu	Tender	\$185,748.64	Rangitoto kiosk roof replacement
Frame Group Limited	Rangitoto	Quotes sought	\$25,500.00	Summit track design
Pou Tangata Ngai Tai ki Tamaki	Motutapu & Rangitoto	Direct source	\$89,040	Annual value of trapping contract
Pou Tangata Ngai Tai ki Tamaki	Motutapu & Rangitoto	Direct source	\$178,880	Weeding control contract for 25-26