

08 August 2025

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 14 July 2025, in which you asked:

‘Could I please receive details of the level of concession fees paid by the holders of accommodation concessions in the attached spreadsheet? The attached is a copy of the DOC Active Permissions spreadsheet, filtered to a Primary Service of ‘Accommodation.’ This spreadsheet is publicly available on the DOC website here: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/active-concessions/> Where there are any commercial sensitivity/privacy issues, we request a redacted copy or summary of the fees (without associated identifying details).’

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

Due to commercial considerations, we are unable to provide a detailed breakdown of activity fees associated with listed accommodation concession holders. This aspect of your request is therefore refused in full subject to section 18(a) by virtue of having grounds to withhold under section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

In lieu of being able to provide this information we have prepared a summary under section 16(e) of the OIA. This summary outlines total concession fees invoiced for accommodation permissions during the 2024/25 financial year. The information is broken down by billing type, as outlined in the table below:

Accommodation permissions - Financial year 2025 fees

Primary Service	Billing Type	Distinct Count of Permission Number	FY2025 fees
Accommodation	Activity Fee	348	\$1,366,497
	Management Fee	305	\$99,700
	Monitoring Fee	33	\$10,447
	Processing Fee	84	\$144,144
Grand Total		445	\$1,620,788

Note: The distinct count of permissions is the total number of accommodation permissions with fees invoiced in the last financial year. As some permissions have more than one billing type, the billing type counts sum to more than the total number of permissions.

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

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phillippa Fox', written in a cursive style.

Phillippa Fox
Director Regulatory Authorisations
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai