

From: [Curtis Hammond](#)
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: OIA response for s 9(2) 19-D-01509
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Kia ora s 9(2),

Thank you for your inquiry on the rules of spending government funding for New Zealand projects.

As previously discussed on the phone here are some answers and additional information you can refer to:

Question 1: The rules of spending received from the Waste Minimisation Fund (and the Waste Minimisation Act) or any other government grant.

Answer:

Money collected by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) for waste minimisation initiatives is gathered via the Waste Disposal Levy. Half of the levy money goes to territorial authorities (city and district councils) to spend on promoting or achieving the waste minimisation activities set out in their waste management and minimisation plans (WMMPs). For more information, please refer to <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/waste/we-all-have-role-play/role-of-territorial-authorities>. The remaining money (minus administration costs) is allocated to the Waste Minimisation Fund (WMF). The purpose of the fund is to boost New Zealand's performance in waste minimisation, with a particular focus on diverting waste from landfill, and to promote and achieve waste minimisation in New Zealand. For further information on specific funding requirements for projects funded through the WMF, please refer to the following link <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/WMF-Funding-Deed-Template-September-2014.pdf>.

Question 2: In particular I want to know if there is any stipulation on buying from New Zealand suppliers before going offshore to purchase with any government funding? I want to know if New Zealand manufacturers are protected by the government to ensure that any government funded projects be supplied by New Zealand made product where possible as a first requirement.

Answer:

There is no specific requirement outlined in the Deed of Funding that requires projects to buy from New Zealand suppliers before going offshore to purchase; however, projects approved by the Waste Minimisation Fund can only conduct their projects within New Zealand. International travel and associated costs (unless specifically outlined in the Deed of Funding) is not covered by the Waste Minimisation Fund.

Question 4: Rules around spending government funding more generally.

Answer:

To our knowledge, there is no overarching rule that applies to all government funds – each fund under different Ministries will have their own set of rules. Rules pertaining to government spending more generally sits best with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). We can provide a link outlining Government Procurement rules:

<https://www.procurement.govt.nz/procurement/principles-and-rules/government-procurement-rules/>.

Question 5: **What measures and checks or KPI's are in place to ensure there is a return on the funding (investment) and that the funding has been spent wisely? What are the rules if the key performance indicators are not met?**

Answer:

On 19 August 2018, Minister Eugenie Sage announced that as part of the Ministry for the Environment's work programme, MfE will further look into where investment is most needed to help businesses minimise waste, increase our local processing capacity for recyclables and provide local jobs. <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/waste-work-programme-tackle-tough-problems>.

For the Waste Minimisation Fund, projects are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Projects each have their own project objectives and deliverables. Projects are monitored on a milestone basis as to how each project is tracking, and are paid in arrears. Projects will only be paid if they have completed the deliverables set out in the agreed Deed of Funding. If projects do not complete specified deliverables in the Deed of Funding, the project can not claim costs against these. There are specific rules around how projects are regulated. For additional information, please refer to the following link - <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/WMF-Funding-Deed-Template-September-2014.pdf>.

Once again, thank you for your email.

Kind regards,

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From: s 9(2)(a)

Sent: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 8:38 AM

To: Ministerials <ministerials@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: i request information around the rules of spending funds from government funded projects through the waste minimization fund

Good morning Curtis,

Thank you for your email requesting clarity on the questions I have raised.

For the first part of your question we cannot speak to all government grants. Can you confirm if this request is focused more exclusively around the Waste Minimisation Fund and the Waste Minimisation Act.

Yes, this question is focused around the waste minimisation fund and waste minimisation act and the rules around spending the funding.

Regarding the third and fourth parts of your request, this being the items on NZ manufacturers and the rules of spending, MfE is seeking clarification on the third point and we would like to confirm the scope of the fourth.

Can we interpret the third question to be: "Does the New Zealand Government ensure that government funded projects are supplied by New Zealand suppliers first before consideration of overseas suppliers"?

Correct, I would like to see where it is stated that New Zealand suppliers or manufacturers get priority to supply before going overseas to purchase with any funding received from the waste minimisation fund.

In regard to the fourth point can you confirm if you mean rules of spending government funding for projects under the Waste Minimisation Fund or more generally.

The fourth question relates to the rules around spending government funding more generally.

Can I also ask what measures and checks or KPI's are in place to ensure there is a return on the funding (investment) and that the funding has been spent wisely?

What are the rules if the key performance indicators are not met?

Thank you.

Regards,

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From: Ministerials <ministerials@mfe.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 4:41 PM

To: s 9(2)(a)

Subject: RE: i request information around the rules of spending funds from government funded projects through the waste minimization fund

Kia ora s 9(2),

Regarding your request made on 22 July 2019, The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) would like to request clarification on the attached request.

For the first part of your question we cannot speak to all government grants. Can you confirm if this request is focused more exclusively around the Waste Minimisation Fund and the Waste Minimisation Act.

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Kind regards,
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Ministry for the Environment

From: s 9(2)(a)

Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 4:20 PM

To: Ministerials <ministerials@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: i request information around the rules of spending funds from government funded projects through the waste minimization fund

Hello,

I request information around the spending of funding received from the waste minimization fund or any other government grant.

In particular, I want to know if there is any stipulation on buying from New Zealand suppliers before going offshore to purchase with any government funding?

I want to know if New Zealand manufacturers are protected by the government to ensure that any government funded projects be supplier by New Zealand made product where possible as a first requirement.

Please forward me any information around the rules of spending government funding for NZ projects.

Thank you.

Regards,

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