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New Zealand Taxpayers' Union

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To whom it may concern

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1.1 A list of payments by MfE to any cause interest groups. This includes — but is not limited to — grants, membership fees and conference fees. A non-exhaustive list of relevant organisations, included to indicate the scope of the request, is enclosed as Appendix One.

1.2 A list of payments by MfE to any economic interest groups. This includes — but is not limited to — grants, membership fees and conference fees. A non exhaustive list of relevant organisations, included to indicate the scope of the request, is enclosed as Appendix Two.

1.3 A list of payments by MfE to any consumer interest groups. This includes — but is not limited to — grants, membership fees and conference fees. A non-exhaustive list of relevant organisations, included to indicate the scope of the request, is enclosed as Appendix Three.

1.4 A list of payments by MfE to any industry/sector unions. This includes — but is not limited to — grants, membership fees and conference fees. A non-exhaustive list of relevant organisations, included to indicate the scope of the request, is enclosed as Appendix Four.

1.5 A list of payments by MfE to any publication or media outlets. This includes — but is not limited to — advertisement fees/sponsorship programmes, grants and conference fees. A non-exhaustive list of relevant organisations, included to indicate the scope of the request, is enclosed as Appendix Five.

The Ministry for the Environment has conducted a search for payments to the organisations listed in the appendixes you have provided. Payments are not categorised in such a way that allows the Ministry to search beyond these lists and make a subjective assessment if they relate to a *cause interest group*, *economic interest group*, or *consumer interest group*. However, using the lists you have provided, the Ministry has located payments in the last two financial years and provided these, along with the payment description, in the attached table.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of this response, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our website on our OIA responses page shortly after the response has been sent.

If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Yours sincerely



Sharon Kerry
Chief Financial Officer

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Payments table for OIA 19-D-00876 New Zealand Taxpayers' Union

	Supplier	Type of Payment	2017/18 financial year	Current financial year (to 31 May)
Appendix One — cause interest groups	Environmental Defence Society	Conference Registration fees	\$20,754.00	\$3,810.00
	Environmental Defence Society	Foundation Scholarship Sponsorship	-	\$34,500.00
	SPCA	Venue Hire	\$2,100.38	\$1,169.55
Appendix Two — economic interest groups	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Travel costs (agreed contribution for Federated Farmers to attend Good Farming Practice Meeting)	\$657.99	-
	Property Council of New Zealand	Fee for staff attending National Residential Development Summit 2019	-	\$1,299.50
Appendix Three — consumer interest groups	NIL		-	-
Appendix Four — industry/sector unions	NIL		-	-
Appendix Five — publications/media outlets	National Business Review	Subscription	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00
	Stuff	Subscription	\$4,501.98	\$4,561.92
		Field Days	\$1,838.16	\$1,863.00
	NZ Herald	Subscription	\$2,748.96	\$3,060.96

*All figures are GST inclusive

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