



OIAD-1516

14 March 2025

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 22 February 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. Has there been any other payments paid to Bay of Plenty Regional Council since 6th March 2024 for the Rotorua Lakes Protection and Restoration Action Programme?

2. If so, please provide the amount/s and date/s the payment/s was/were made.

The Ministry for the Environment has made two payments to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council regarding the Rotorua Lakes Protection and Restoration Action Programme since 6 March 2024:

Date	Amount
06/03/2024	1,144,362.18
05/02/2025	10,975,000.00
Total	12,119,362.18

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, 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 [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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