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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 2 August 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Advise the total amount spent by the government, since the establishment of the Randerson Panel, on:

- 1. the resource management reforms that culminated in the enactment of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 and Spatial Planning Act 2023; and*
- 2. implementation of these two Acts, including work on the National Planning*

Due to the way our finance systems record and hold information, we are unable to separate the costs specifically associated with the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 (NBEA) and Spatial Planning Act 2023 (SPA) from the wider work programme related to the review of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

In July 2019, the Government appointed the Resource Management Review Panel (the Panel), chaired by Hon Tony Randerson QC, to review and re-design the resource management system with an aim of improving environmental outcomes while better enabling urban and infrastructure development within environmental limits. The Panel recommended the RMA be repealed and replaced with the Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA).

The table below provides the costs of reform which commenced following the panel recommendations.

Financial Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24*	Total
RMA Reform total (\$ million)	0.0	9.8	44.0	70.1	23.2	147.1
Implementation costs (\$ million)	0.0	0.0	9.6	10.3	14.7	34.6

*2023/24 spend is to 30 October 2023, as implementation ceased because of the General Election.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions 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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