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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 19 July 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

To Whom It May Concern in DOC/MfE/MPI: Further to the May 2020 announcement of Jobs for Nature, please provide the actual jobs created and money spent (as opposed to projects announced and money earmarked) for the Jobs for Nature scheme. Please provide the names of the projects and where the jobs are located.

Please make a distinction between new projects and existing projects that were already funded by other Government programmes.

The timeframe of the request is May 14 2020 to June 30 2021.

Please also state if any of the money originally announced (\$433 million for new jobs in regional environmental projects, \$315 million biosecurity, including weed and pest control, \$200 million for DOC's Jobs for Nature programme, \$154 million for new jobs enhancing biodiversity on public and private land) has been re-directed/repurposed/returned unspent.

Here is the original announcement: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2020-media-releases/investment-to-create-11000-environment-jobs-in-our-regions/>

The attached spreadsheet details Jobs for Nature projects managed by the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry), Department of Conservation (DOC), Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) and Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).

These projects are funded from the \$1.1 billion investment noted in the announcement you refer to in your request. The list contains reported data as at 30 June 2021 and includes projects that fall within the scope of your request, including the project name, region, money paid to each project and the number of people who are working, or who have worked, on the project. These roles include all employment types such as full time, part time, fixed term and contractors.

The spreadsheet shows data from projects reported up to 30 June 2021. Delivery agencies will be reviewing and finalising their 2020/21 data at the end of the next reporting cycle. Therefore, some of the current data is not yet complete and will be revised once end of year reporting is finalised.

Where projects have not yet been announced, these have been refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information will soon be publicly available.

Please note that employment outputs in the list for 2020/21 for the Wilding Conifer programme are in part attributable to \$6.9 million of Budget 2019 funding. Further funding information on the Wilding Conifer Control Programme is set out below.

In some cases, projects have reported money paid out but have not yet reported on job creation. There are several reasons for this, including:

- Jobs for Nature agencies have different funding arrangements for delivering their projects. In some cases, projects are grant funded to delivery outcomes and some are contract for service type arrangements where payments are made on completion of agreed milestones.
- Some projects have been under contract for less than two months, with the first round of employment reporting due to feed into the next reporting cycle. Therefore, these projects are not yet showing any reported employment.
- In some cases, agencies' reporting to the Jobs for Nature programme does not align with their contracted reporting arrangements with funding recipients. This can lead to a lag in the reporting of achieved results.

Progress allocating funding, job creation and environmental benefits achieved for the entire \$1.219 billion Jobs for Nature Programme is reported on the Ministry's website on a regular basis here: environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/key-initiatives/jobs-for-nature/.

In response to your second question, the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme, managed by Biosecurity New Zealand (MPI), has been funded since 2016 with regional distribution through Regional Councils. The previous Crown funding of this programme was \$21 million in 2019 for two years. You can contact MPI for more details on that Programme's funding to date.

With respect to your last question, the overall size of the Jobs for Nature Programme has reduced from \$1.245 billion to \$1.219 billion, due to the reprioritisation of \$26.6 million to support the [implementation of on-board cameras across the inshore fishing fleet](#).

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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Document no.	Content	Decisions	OIA section applied
1	Jobs for Nature project summary data	Release in part	18(d)

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Agency	Project Name	Region	Crown Paid to date	People employed to date
s 18(d)			196,000	6
DOC	Mana in Kaimahi Te Whangai Trust Hub Expansion	Auckland	454,546	14
MFE	Mahurangi East land restoration	Auckland	258,418	17
MFE	Restoring our River	Auckland	1,271,612	26
s 18(d)			333,000	no data reported to date
LINZ	Undaria JFN project (restoration of Korotuaheka (wetland) and lower Waitaki River)	Banks Peninsula to Rakiura Stewart Island	230000	no data reported to date
DOC	Maungaruahine Heritage Pa Reserve	Bay of Plenty	68,766	2
s 18(d)			406000	3
DOC	Rangitaiki Taniwha Trails	Bay of Plenty	150,000	4
MPI-AIS	Pongakawa/ Little Waihi (Wai Kokopu)	Bay of Plenty	454,016	8
DOC	Korehāhā Whakahau (Ngati Awa)	Bay of Plenty	789,600	10
DOC	Prevention of North Island Indigenous forest collapse - Kaimai-Mamaku	Bay of Plenty	702694	12
DOC	Mauri Tu Mauri Ora (TALT)	Bay of Plenty	1,125,000	16

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DOC	Project Aumangea -Maunga Tarawera Wildling Pine Project	Bay of Plenty	259,376	21
DOC	Project Whakahaumanu -The Okere project work force	Bay of Plenty	157,728	21
MPI-BNZ	National Wilding Conifer Control Programme To Boost Regional Economies And Employment: BOP	Bay of Plenty	789404	24
DOC	Restoration and Enhancement of geothermal, freshwater & cultural sites in the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa rohe	Bay of Plenty	359,000	35
MPI-BNZ	Containing Wallabies To Protect Agriculture, Forestry And Native Plants, And Boost Regional Economies - BOP	Bay of Plenty	2219965	42
MFE	Bay Conservation Cadets	Bay of Plenty	626,384	91
MFE	Accelerating Freshwater Improvement in the Bay of Plenty	Bay of Plenty	1,500,000	104
s 18(d)			100,000	no data reported to date
s 18(d)			496,000	1
LINZ	Moeraki JFN project (restoration of Korotuaheka (wetland) and lower Waitaki River)	Canterbury	780000	6
DOC	Kahuria Te Waihora Restoration	Canterbury	356,334	10
DOC	Upper Rangitata Strategic Waterways Restoration	Canterbury	1,399,660	12

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DOC	Pest Free Banks Peninsula/Te Pataka o Rakaihautu	Canterbury	600,000	13
DOC	Lower Rangitata Strategic Waterways Restoration	Canterbury	1,191,000	14
s 18(d)			263426	14
DOC	Orange-fronted Kakariki program support with pest management	Canterbury	505,000	22
s 18(d)			1,348,146	29
MPI-AIS	Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture	Canterbury	750,000	33
LINZ	South Canterbury Braided Rivers project (pest and weed control on Ashburton South/Stour River, Waitaki River, and Ophi River)	Canterbury	268796.47	42
MPI-BNZ	Containing Wallabies To Protect Agriculture, Forestry And Native Plants, And Boost Regional Economies - Canterbury	Canterbury	1041500	52
s 18(d)			742937.64	77
s 18(d)			2366890.21	209
MPI-BNZ	National Wilding Conifer Control Programme To Boost Regional Economies And Employment: Canterbury	Canterbury	14192537	266
s 18(d)			459,250	no data reported to date
			504,742	no data reported to date

s 18(d)			249,870	no data reported to date
s 18(d)			240,000	4
s 18(d)			200,000	5
			100,000	no data reported to date
DOC	Te Rea (TARP)	Gisborne/Tairāwhiti	499,666	3
DOC	Prevention of North Island Indigenous forest collapse - Raukumara	Gisborne/Tairāwhiti	323687	17
MFE	Tairāwhiti Agroecology Recovery Project (TARP)	Gisborne/Tairāwhiti	3,752,651	63
DOC	Waingake Ngāhere Ora	Gisborne/Tairāwhiti	152,000	no data reported to date
DOC	Gisborne/Tairāwhiti: Turanga Kaimahi mo te Taiao	Gisborne/Tairāwhiti	3,821,730	no data reported to date
s 18(d)			229,000	1
MFE	Hāpara Takatū	Hawke's Bay	1,050,000	48
s 18(d)			350,000	no data reported to date
s 18(d)			500,000	no data reported to date
s 18(d)			136,625	no data reported to date
DOC	Karioi Rahui Eco Sanctuary (replacing above)	Manawatū-Whanganui	915,576	4
MPI-AIS	Rangitikei Rivers Catchment Collective	Manawatū-Whanganui	442,920	7

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MFE	Riparian planting and stream fencing	Manawatū-Whanganui	528,750	19
MPI-BNZ	National Wilding Conifer Control Programme To Boost Regional Economies And Employment: Manawatū	Manawatū-Whanganui	928271	21
MFE	Enhancing fish populations through fish passage remediation	Manawatū-Whanganui	521,599	28
MFE	Lake Horowhenua wetlands	Manawatū-Whanganui	6,222,500	32
s 18(d)			179,652	no data reported to date
MFE	Catchment Care for At-Risk Catchments in Marlborough	Marlborough	151,000	9
MPI-BNZ	National Wilding Conifer Control Programme To Boost Regional Economies And Employment: Marlborough	Marlborough	3063490	131
LINZ	Ngai Tahu Mapping (historic habitat)	Nationwide	40000	1
s 18(d)			85,026	2
			111,000	3
DOC	Sustainable Business Network - Stage 2 Partnering to Plant	Nationwide	500,000	5
DOC	Sustainable Business Network - Stage 3 Partnering to Plant	Nationwide	1,080,000	29
DOC	Predator Free NZ Trust - Apprentice Programme	Nationwide	1,625,000	44

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DOC	Partnering to Plant Aotearoa - Sustainable Business Network	Nationwide	800,000	62
DOC	Acceleration and scaling up of community-led and iwi-led predator control projects (Kiwis for kiwi)	Nationwide	4,425,000	75
DOC	Predator Free 2050 Ltd	Nationwide	11107610	114
DOC	Wilding Pine - Forestry Redeployment project continuation	Nationwide	1,694,390	189
DOC	Mahi a Tenganenga Kaitiaki Programme	Northland	400,000	2
DOC	Opuia Forest Recovery	Northland	175,000	5
DOC	Taiororoa o Waipoua	Northland	570,000	9
DOC	Te Arai Reserve	Northland	479,925	10
DOC	Iwi Collaboration for Kauri Action	Northland	1,208,331	11
MFE	Whangarei urban awa project	Northland	79,284	14
MFE	Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme	Northland	9,638,000	36
MPI-BNZ	National Wilding Conifer Control Programme To Boost Regional Economies And Employment: Northland	Northland	1253807	297
DOC	Te Komanga Whangaroa	Northland	600,000	no data reported to date
DOC	Kaitiaki Kauri	Northland	310,000	no data reported to date
MPI-AIS	South Otago - Tokomairiro	Otago	47,575	4

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LINZ	Lake Dunstan Restoration & Community Engagement	Otago	85000	5
LINZ	Makarora Catchment Threatened Species Project - From Ridge to River	Otago	100000	9
MPI-AIS	North Otago Sustainable Land Management	Otago	91,886	14
MPI-AIS	Lindis Catchment Group	Otago	437,814	15
MPI-AIS	WAI Wanaka - Wanaka Future Reset	Otago	1,300,000	16
DOC	Tucker Beach Habitat Restoration	Otago	180,000	18
MPI-AIS	Pomahaka Water Care Group	Otago	135,969	19
MPI-BNZ	Containing Wallabies To Protect Agriculture, Forestry And Native Plants, And Boost Regional Economies - Otago	Otago	373000	31
DOC	In the Wild – Queenstown & Fiordland Workforce Hub	Otago	220,254	39
MPI-BNZ	National Wilding Conifer Control Programme To Boost Regional Economies And Employment:Otago	Otago	4868177	82
s 18(d)			150,500	no data reported to date
s 18(d)			80,000	no data reported to date
DOC	Fiordland Undaria Control Programme	Southland	500,000	1
s 18(d)			524,500	1
DOC	Restoring Rakiura	Southland	325,000	2

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LINZ	Hokonui Hills Restoration	Southland	425000	7
MFE	Southland Fish Passage Restoration Project	Southland	77,000	19
MFE	Southland Biodiversity Action on the Ground	Southland	583,908	41
DOC	Weeding Fiordland's Buffer Zone	Southland	345,000	67
MPI-BNZ	National Wilding Conifer Control Programme To Boost Regional Economies And Employment: Southland	Southland	2682487	101
s 18(d)			124,059	no data reported to date
			166,580	no data reported to date
			199,500	0
			80,000	1
			400,000	1
DOC	Te Kohanga Ahuru	Taranaki	160,000	2
DOC	Rotokare Sanctuary and Halo	Taranaki	80,000	2
DOC	Parininihi Project	Taranaki	80,000	2
DOC	Kiwi Monitoring & Habitat Protection	Taranaki	140,000	3
s 18(d)			463,500	7
MFE	'Transforming Taranaki' through Riparian Management	Taranaki	3,200,000	95

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s 18(d)			100,000	no data reported to date
MFE	Matai River Riparian Management	Tasman-Nelson	315,000	6
DOC	Ngati Koata project support roles	Tasman-Nelson	53,000	2
DOC	Mt Richmond Forest Park (MRFP) Wilding Conifer training and employment enhancement	Tasman-Nelson	387,500	6
DOC	Kaimahi for Nature Connected	Tasman-Nelson	225,000	12
MFE	Waimea Inlet enhancement project	Tasman-Nelson	66,640	21
MPI-BNZ	National Wilding Conifer Control Programme To Boost Regional Economies And Employment: Tasman-Nelson	Tasman-Nelson	1191942	22
DOC	Maitai Ecological Restoration Project	Tasman-Nelson	750,000	24
MFE	Waimea Inlet Billion Trees Project Phase 2	Tasman-Nelson	89,250	31
s 18(d)			100,000	no data reported to date
DOC	Ngati Koata project support roles extended	Tasman-Nelson	35,667	no data reported to date
s 18(d)			500,000	no data reported to date
			126625.7	7
			200,000	8

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MFE	Piako River Green Corridor	Waikato	162,500	11
DOC	Waitomo region restoration to support jobs	Waikato	450,000	15
MFE	Lake Kimihia lake level restoration project	Waikato	252,297	20
MFE	Restoration of Opuatia Wetland	Waikato	61,347	30
MFE	Upper Waioumu Willow and Poplar Removal and Habitat Enhancement	Waikato	374,000	44
MPI-BNZ	National Wilding Conifer Control Programme To Boost Regional Economies And Employment: Waikato	Waikato	1078076	72
s 18(d)			295,000	no data reported to date
			300,000	no data reported to date
			44,000	2
DOC	Wainuioru Catchment Restoration Project	Wellington	250,800	18
DOC	Waikanae Waterways Restoration	Wellington	1,228,787	24
MFE	Riparian Management Major Rivers	Wellington	150,000	29
MFE	Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project	Wellington	446,929	62
s 18(d)			253,600	no data reported to date
			500,000	no data reported to date

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DOC	DOC/MSD - Conservation Skills & Employment Pilot	Wellington	70,755	no data reported to date
DOC	Punungairo/Bullock Creek Restoration Project (Punakaiki Wetland Restoration)	West Coast	233429.6	4
MFE	Karamea riparian restoration	West Coast	125,225	5
DOC	Backcountry Trust Work Programme	West Coast	888,000	14
DOC	South Westland: Conservation & Tourism Support	West Coast	1,202,009	122
s 18(d)			100,000	no data reported to date
DOC	Iwi project support role	West Coast	80,000	no data reported to date
DOC	Predator Free South Westland	West Coast	500,000	no data reported to date
s 18(d)			500,000	no data reported to date
		Total	132,773,177	3,771

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