



24 August 2021

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 27 July 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Could you please tell me how much MFE spent on satellite imagery for the previous 5 financial years.

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has spent a total of \$342,300 on satellite imagery over the past five financial years. A breakdown of the financial years is below.

Over this time period, the Ministry has not purchased any specific commercial satellite imagery but has paid for access to a high-resolution satellite imagery archive and contracted the processing of freely available Sentinel-2 imagery into annual cloud-minimised mosaics.

Information on these mosaics can be found here: environment.govt.nz/facts-and-science/science-and-data/satellite-data-search/

Financial year	Description	Price
2016/17	none	-
2017/18	2016_17 Sentinel 2 national mosaics	26,300
2018/19	2017_18 Sentinel 2 national mosaics	18,000
2018/19	2018_19 Sentinel 2 national mosaics	18,000
2019/20	2019_20 Sentinel 2 national mosaics	15,000
2020/21	2020_21 Sentinel 2 national mosaics	15,000
2020/21	High resolution imagery streaming service	250,000
Total		342,300

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