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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 14 February 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can I please be supplied with information on the following organisations:

- *EnviroSchools*
- *Keep New Zealand Beautiful*
- *Sustainable Coastlines*

Specifically the information that I seek for each organisation is:

- *Which of these organisations has a contract vs. a deed of funding with the Ministry for the Environment.*
- *Is environmental education the only deliverable for each organisation, or are there others?*
- *If there are others, can you provide me with a breakdown of what these deliverables are and the monetary investment from the Ministry for the Environment towards each.*
- *If you're unable to provide me with a breakdown of deliverables and the monetary investment for each, can you please provide a financial summary of what each organisation has received over the past three years, and what the KPIs were.*
- *Would it be possible to see a copy of the contract/deed of funding for each organisation?*

On 8 March 2024, the Ministry notified you that the timeframe for responding to your request was being extended under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act as the consultations necessary to make a decision on the request were such that a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original timeframe.

I have addressed each part of your request below. Please note that EnviroSchools is a programme run by the Toimata Foundation. I have therefore interpreted your requests for information about EnviroSchools as relating to the Toimata Foundation.

Which of these organisations has a contract vs. a deed of funding with the Ministry for the Environment.

Toimata Foundation and Keep New Zealand Beautiful both have current deeds of funding with the Ministry. Sustainable Coastlines has a completed deed of funding with the Ministry.

Is environmental education the only deliverable for each organisation, or are there others?

Environmental education in schools is offered by many providers with a range of different business models. In New Zealand, government and environmental education providers are encouraged to use the Environmental Education for Sustainability cross-government strategy to guide them to develop their programmes.

Environmental education was one of a number of objectives for both the Keep New Zealand Beautiful and Sustainable Coastlines projects.

Environmental education was the only deliverable for Toimata Foundation, with government funding supporting environmental education via its Enviroschools and Te Aho Tū Roa programmes.

If there are others, can you provide me with a breakdown of what these deliverables are and the monetary investment from the Ministry for the Environment towards each.

Keep New Zealand Beautiful has seven workstreams to deliver in its current 'Do The Right Thing - Extension Programme' project. These are:

1. Implement a National Litter Audit (NLA) by the end of October 2022. The NLA must be designed and delivered according to the requirements of the Technical Working Group (made up of Stats NZ, the Ministry, Sustainable Coastlines and KNZB).
2. In the first year of the project, KNZB will undertake extensive Stakeholder Engagement and research to better understand and combat a potential rise in litter and illegal dumping of rubbish resulting from the Waste Levy Increase. Included will be research into a reporting tool for illegal dumping/littering.
3. During the course of the project, KNZB will continue to build resources for its 'Litter Hub' platform, which will carry results of the research, findings, and insights from year one. This information will be publicly available.
4. During the course of the project, KNZB will develop and expand its litter education programme, increasing its reach to a total of 837 schools.
5. KNZB will expand its community pride programmes, aiming for a 20% increase in participation by the end of the project.
6. KNZB will continue to develop revenue streams to create self-sufficiency. This means increasing business memberships by 100, securing sponsors for the Beautiful Awards, increasing business participation in Clean Up Week by 25% and securing ten new sponsorships by the end of the project.
7. In year two of the project, KNZB will deliver a small-scale behaviour change campaign following the results of the NLA and year one research results.

The latest project objectives for **Sustainable Coastlines** (closed end 2023) are:

1. Pilot the recommended litter data collection methodology at beaches around Auckland and Wellington as required.
2. Develop, design, and refine an educational programme for schools and a training programme for teachers that can be proven to change behaviour to reduce litter. It is anticipated that interventions will include Learning Outside the Classroom initiatives such as beach clean-ups as well as interactive and digital classroom-based activities.
3. In consultation with the Beach Litter Project Group (working group consisting of Department of Conservation, Stats NZ, and the Ministry) and other collaborators, design, build, collate, display and refine a nationwide litter database. The resources developed during the project will be made freely available for people across the country to input into and use.
4. Identify, equip, train and incentivise 'Citizen Scientist' for each official 'Monitored Site' to contribute data to Stats NZ Tier 1 standards.

5. Developing and piloting an effective incentive scheme for trainers to reduce attrition rate long-term.
6. Further stormwater and freshwater litter data reporting.
7. Developing recommendations for integration of te reo Māori and te ao Māori into the Litter Intelligence programme.
8. Supporting community groups, businesses, organisations, and councils to effectively use Litter Intelligence data to effect change.

If you're unable to provide me with a breakdown of deliverables and the monetary investment for each, can you please provide a financial summary of what each organisation has received over the past three years, and what the KPIs were.

Toimata Foundation received \$1.9 million annually to support delivery of Enviroschools and Te Aho Tū Roa programmes, as per the Vote Environment appropriation which is available on the Treasury website at: treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2022-06/est22-v8-envir.pdf.

Under the previous deed of funding (2016 – 2022), Toimata Foundation provided the Ministry with updates related to four main organisational outcomes as stated in the deed of funding:

1. A diverse and resilient partner network of organisations contributing long term funding, collaborative programme development and regional implementation.
2. Continued growth in the number and diversity of participants in our Māori and English programmes, with high retention rates.
3. Social and cultural changes are taking place through individual and community empowerment, supporting the systematic long-term change needed for a sustainable future
4. A wide range of environmental actions and practices being undertaken by individuals, organisations, and communities from a diverse range of perspectives, resulting in effective and enduring change.

Toimata Foundation's attached ten-year report provides a high-level summary of the progress made against the four outcomes highlighted in the deed of funding (2016 – 2022).

In 2022, Toimata Foundation and the Ministry entered a new deed of funding (2022 – 2026). As part of this deed of funding, new outcomes were developed.

Toimata Foundation outcomes as outlined in the deed of funding (2022-2024):

1. Equity of access to Te Aho Tū Roa and Enviroschools, enabling availability to all schools, kura, kohanga, Early Childhood Education (ECE) centres, Iwi, hapū and communities that want to participate throughout the country.
2. A diverse and resilient nationwide partner network of organisations contributing long-term funding, collaborative programme development and regional implementation.
3. A wide range of sustainability projects are being undertaken in the built and natural environment contributing to community resilience and observable environmental, cultural, educational, and economic benefits for individuals, schools, kura, ECE centres, Iwi, hapū and communities.
4. A holistic approach is maintained in Toimata programmes and brings a holistic context to partners' kaupapa and projects also - helping learners to look at root causes and contribute to root solutions.

Toimata Foundation will report progress against these outcomes annually. The first annual report covering the period 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023 is expected to be provided to the Ministry by 15 April 2024.

Keep New Zealand Beautiful has received a total of \$4,318,602 since 2016 for two projects; one of which is still active. The summary of the funding and deliverables for these projects are publicly available on the Waste Minimisation Fund pages on the Ministry's website at: https://mfenz.shinyapps.io/waste_wmf_app/.

Keep New Zealand Beautiful's current 'Do The Right Thing - Extension Programme' project will deliver seven workstreams, which include a programme of community pride events, increasing litter education in schools, and conducting research and data collection, which will help inform and expand on national behaviour change campaigns to address the major issue of litter in New Zealand.

Sustainable Coastlines has received a total of \$3,330,657 since 2011 for three projects, the summary of the funding and deliverables for these are publicly available on the Ministry's website at: https://mfenz.shinyapps.io/waste_wmf_app/. (insert 'Sustainable Coastlines' to see their funding summary)

Sustainable Coastlines' latest project (completed in 2023) 'A grass roots solution to litter in New Zealand' was primarily a data collection and analysis project. Developing and delivering a package of scientifically rigorous tools to collate independent and accurate litter data and use them to empirically prove the effectiveness of interventions that address litter. Also, establishing a network of 'Citizen Scientists' to monitor the litter problem, and 'Educators' to deliver effective education that reduces littering.

Would it be possible to see a copy of the contract/deed of funding for each organisation?

I am releasing two deeds of funding to you in full, as per the attached document schedule. I am releasing two deeds of funding to you with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

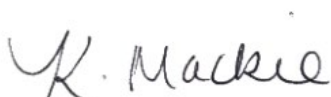
In terms of section 9(1) of the Act I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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 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.

Ngā mihi,



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Document schedule

Doc no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	3-Mar-22	Waste Minimisation Fund Deed of Funding between Ministry for the Environment and Keep New Zealand Beautiful Society Incorporated	Released in full	N/A
2	27-Apr-18	Waste Minimisation Fund Deed of Funding between Ministry for the Environment and Sustainable Coastlines Charitable Trust	Released in part	9(2)(a)
3	2-Oct-21	Waste Minimisation Fund Deed of Variation between the Ministry for the Environment and Sustainable Coastlines Charitable Trust	Released in full	N/A
4	15-Aug-22	Funding Deed in respect of the Enviroschools and Te Aho Tu Roa Programmes	Released in part	9(2)(a); 9(2)(b)(ii)
5	Received by the Ministry on 15 May 2023	Toimata Foundation ten-year report	Released in full	N/A