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Tēnā koe 9(2)a

Thank you for your email of 15 February 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Could you please tell me how much money was spent on Labour's RMA reforms which the Govt is rolling back.

In 2019, the Government appointed an expert panel led by Hon Tony Randerson KC (the Randerson panel) to review the RMA and consider whether it was achieving what it set out to do. The Randerson panel published its comprehensive review in July 2020.

In February 2021, the previous Government announced it would repeal the RMA and enact new legislation based on the recommendations of the Randerson panel.

Further information about the previous Government's work to repeal the RMA can be found on the Ministry's website at: <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/rma/changes-to-resource-management/pathway-to-reform/>.

The below table outlines the expenditure for the RMA Reform since this announcement until 31 August 2023, since the Spatial Planning Act and Natural and Built Environment Act became law on 23 August 2023.

Full information for the 2023/24 financial year will be made available after this year's Annual Review process, scheduled for December 2024.

Financial year	2020/21	20221/22	2022/23	2023/24 (as at 31 Aug 2023)
RMA Reform (\$ million)	9.8	44.0	70.1	11.8

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.

Nāku noa, nā,

Electronically approved by Arun Patel

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