

3 October 2022



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 4 September 2022 in which you requested:

*I would like to request the following information from the Department of Conservation under the OIA for each financial year 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and for the partial year of 2022 to date.*

- *The total sum paid out to consultants by the Department of Conservation over each financial year*
- *A breakdown of the consultants the work has been paid out to over each financial year*
- *The largest individual pay-outs over each financial year*

*If you have any questions, please get back to me as soon as you can.*

Your requests and our responses are listed below:

1. *The total sum paid out to consultants by the Department of Conservation over each financial year.*

The Department's spend on consultants over the past five financial years is published on the New Zealand Parliament website in the '2022/23 Estimates for Vote Conservation - Minister of Conservation (Responses to written questions 1 to 266)'. It can be accessed at the following link: [Minister of Conservation \(Responses to written questions 1 to 266\) - New Zealand Parliament \(www.parliament.nz\)](https://www.parliament.nz/Minister-of-Conservation-Responses-to-written-questions-1-to-266). Expenditure on consultants is included in question 93, which also describes the criteria and classification of reporting the expenditure on consultants.

As the information for the previous five financial years is publicly available, I am declining this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act.

The provisional amount of spend for the 2021/22 year is \$18.221 million. The spend on consultants for 2021/22, including the breakdown of the expenditure, will be collated for the 2022 Annual Review, which will be published once the review has been completed.

The total amounts spent (excluding GST) is as per the table below:

	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18
<b>Spend \$m</b>	18.221	16.789	13.334	14.308	12.779

The increase in consultants' expenditure in 2021/22 compared to the previous year, was primarily from the implementation of a new Financial Management Information System, which went live in July 2022.

2. *A breakdown of the consultants the work has been paid out to over each financial year*

I refer you to the published appendices which provide the breakdown of what consultant expenditure was incurred for financial years 2016/17 to 2020/21. This can be accessed at the following link: [Minister of Conservation \(Responses to written questions, appendices\) - New Zealand Parliament \(www.parliament.nz\)](#) As this information is publicly available, this part of your request is also declined under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act.

The breakdown of the provisional 2021/22 consultants' expenditure is included in the table in the annexure to this letter. Please note that some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect the privacy of individuals.

3. *The largest individual pay-outs over each financial year*

The largest individual contractor spend for each year is as follows (excluding GST):

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount (\$000)</b>
2021/22	Tenzing	1,269
2020/21	Jacksonstone and Partners	1,183
2019/20	Taribon Pty Ltd	768
2018/19	Taribon Pty Ltd	652
2017/18	Taribon Pty Ltd	1,011
2016/17	Mainly Fauna	720

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department's website.



Nāku noa, nā



Kevin Martin  
Chief Financial Officer  
Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

**Annexure 1:  
DOC - Consultants for 2022 Financial Year  
(provisional as at 29 September 2022)**

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
TENZING	1,269,273
QUAL IT SOLUTIONS LIMITED	1,266,478
ROBERT WALTERS	1,073,375
INSPIRE GROUP LIMITED	911,510
BEYOND SERVICES LTD	846,656
THE JOHNSON GROUP LTD	819,787
MARTIN JENKINS & ASSOCIATES LTD	656,452
LPS MESH LTD T/A TASKA	612,746
JACKSONSTONE & PARTNERS	585,344
INSIDE EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT LTD	535,365
HOWARD CONSULTANCY LTD	525,801
FINITE GROUP NZ LIMITED	479,975
OCG CONSULTING LTD T/A CHANDLER	383,812
ABSOLUTE IT	357,686
AQUALINC RESEARCH LTD	329,618
AZIMUTH CONSULTING LIMITED	321,754
TALENT INTERNATIONAL (NZ) LTD	246,927
EPS LTD	237,914
MOMENTUM CONSULTING GROUP LTD	222,936
ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE SOCIETY INC	212,695
HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT PTY LTD	208,522
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	178,568
DELOITTE	156,990
TARIBON PTY LTD	156,980
DEXTERA LIMITED	131,286
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	129,614
EHS SUPPORT NEW ZEALAND LTD	122,271
FRESH INFORMATION LIMITED	121,453
JOHNSON PARTNERS LIMITED	121,228
E3SCIENTIFIC LIMITED	120,298
SANSON AND ASSOCIATES LIMITED	115,385
REDVESPA CONSULTANTS LTD	113,400
DAMWATCH ENGINEERING LTD	109,000
CJC ASSOCIATES LIMITED	99,675
H2R LTD	97,762
GEOINSIGHT LIMITED	90,970
RSR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LIMITED	90,870
PARKER BRIDGE NZ LTD	89,818
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS CONSULTING	88,128
KAUATI LIMITED	87,456



INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR T/A CONIFER CONTRACTING	86,908
HUMANKIND LIMITED	84,818
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	83,588
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR ENVIRONMENTAL	83,330
GBL PERSONNEL LTD	82,820
ABRAX LIMITED	79,500
CONCEPT CONSULTING GROUP LIMITED	72,000
THE CATALYST GROUP PLANNING & ENVIR	71,157
SPENCER MCKNIGHT LIMITED	70,642
PDP LIMITED	70,502
RYAN RECRUITMENT LIMITED	69,869
WILL ALLEN & ASSOCIATES	66,045
CAWTHON INSTITUTE LIMITED	64,383
MORGAN CAMPBELL LIMITED	63,000
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FOUNDATIO	61,297
TAYLOR COLLABORATIONS LTD	58,800
SANE SOLUTIONS LTD	54,271
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	54,240
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	54,080
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	54,060
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	53,625
HAEMATA TAPUI LIMITED	52,680
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	52,620
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	52,500
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	51,068
SLR CONSULTING NZ LTD	50,563
CATALYST PACIFIC LIMITED	50,490
GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL	50,050
CASTALIA LTD	50,000
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	49,206
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	48,435
BLACK SWAN CONSULTANCY LIMITED	46,667
ENGEO LTD	46,401
NZ CENTRE FOR THE FUTURE	46,026
WILDLAND CONSULTANTS LTD	45,609
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR CONSULTING	43,520
TE AMOKURA CONSULTANTS	42,700
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	40,808
CRESTANI COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED	40,800
STANTEC NZ LTD	40,569
AATEA CONSULTANTS LTD	39,900
MOKO FUTURES LTD	37,800
PERSOLKELLY NEW ZEALAND LIMITED	35,987
PRICE WATERHOUSE COOPERS	35,506
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	35,104



RANDSTAD LTD	34,150
RIMU ROAD CONSULTING LIMITED	34,085
HAIL ENVIRONMENTAL LTD	33,368
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	33,089
PROFESSOR MAX IRVINE PTY LTD	32,772
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	32,358
AECOM NEW ZEALAND LIMITED	31,993
HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES (NZ) LTD	31,774
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	31,500
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	31,164
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	31,023
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	30,874
VASA CONSULTING LIMITED	30,792
CRYSTAL CONSULTING (2016) LIMITED	30,277
TE RUNANGA O NGAI TAHU	30,037
PHOENIX FACILITATION LIMITED	29,191
PHIL MURRAY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LTD	28,930
CEP SERVICES MATAUWHI LIMITED	28,551
ANNETTE LEES & ASSOCIATES	28,200
THOMAS CONSULTANTS LIMITED	28,188
LINK CONSULTING GROUP	27,934
PARKER DUIGNAN	27,900
PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLUS LIMITED	27,900
PEOPLE&CO	27,458
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	26,820
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	25,260
ENVIRO-MARK SOLUTIONS LIMITED	25,175
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	25,040
HENLEYHUTCHINGS	25,037
TONKIN & TAYLOR LTD	25,000
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	23,975
JONES LANG LASALLE LTD - HEAD OFFIC	21,250
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	21,189
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	21,125
TE RUNANGA A RANGITANE O WAIRAU	20,772
HAKO TUPUNA TRUST	20,000
GEOSOLVE LIMITED	17,810
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	17,255
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	17,010
GEOCIVIL CONSULTING ENGINEERS LIMIT	15,433
TE RUNANGA O NGATI TAMA TRUST	15,000
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	15,000
DG & LA WALLACE LTD	14,770
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	14,732
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	14,175



INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	14,126
SALTWATER SCIENCE LTD	14,073
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	13,620
YELLOW BACH	13,394
86 FOREST LIMITED	12,800
CARINA LTD	11,975
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR T/A THE WRITE APPRO	10,950
R & K CONSULTANTS LIMITED	10,875
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	10,820
MALATEST INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING	10,663
PROJECT LAB NZ LIMITED	10,644
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR	10,000
TE TIRA WHAKAMATAKI LTD	10,000
TE RARAWA ANGA MUA TRUST	10,000
TE RUNANGA O NGATI MUTANGA TRUST	10,000
TE RUNANGA O NGATI RUANUI	10,000
TE RUNANGA NUI O TE AUPOURI TRUST	10,000
Miscellaneous	21,747
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>18,220,739</u></b>