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Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your request transferred from the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 07 May 2026, in which you asked:

'Could you please advise the number of Expressions of Interest received and the number of those considered viable for further consideration regarding Chateau Tongariro.'

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

DOC ran a Request for Proposals (RFP) process in early 2026 to identify a suitable operator to restore and operate the historic Chateau Tongariro within Tongariro National Park (closed since February 2023). The RFP invited experienced parties to submit plans demonstrating how they would redevelop the heritage building and operate it in a way that aligns with conservation values, statutory requirements, and the cultural significance of the area, including tangata whenua interests.

The RFP opened on 19 March 2026 and closed on 21 April 2026, with submissions assessed by a panel against a set of weighted criteria. We can confirm that a total of 13 RFP submissions were received, seven of which were non-conforming. The six submissions that were deemed viable are currently being considered.

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



Nāku noa, nā



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