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18<sup>th</sup> of March 2026

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 19 February 2026, in which you asked for information regarding International Visitor Levy (IVL) funding for the 2024/25 financial year.

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 and your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *The total amount of IVL funding allocated to conservation purposes for the financial year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (or the most up-to-date provisional figure).*

As at the March Baseline Update 2025, for the financial year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, \$27.69 million from the IVL was allocated to conservation projects. At the end of the year \$18.74 million was spent and \$8.95 million was expense transferred to the following financial year ending 30 June 2026.

2. *A summary of the main conservation programmes, projects, or initiatives that received IVL funding during the 2024/25 financial year, including indicative funding amounts where available.*

We are expecting the 2024/25 annual report to be completed mid-April, which will contain the information requested. It will be published on this website: [IVL annual performance reports | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment](#). We are therefore refusing this aspect of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA, on the basis that the information will soon be publicly available.

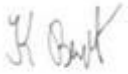
3. *Clarification as to whether IVL funding in 2024/25 was used to replace or offset baseline Crown funding for conservation activities that were previously funded through general taxation.*

In 2024/2025, \$71.5 million of IVL funding was allocated to existing expenditure within Vote Conservation (DOC's budget). This replaces other sources of Crown funding such as general taxation and is fiscally neutral to DOC.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Beckert', is positioned above the printed name.

**Karl Beckert**

Director Monitoring and Insights

Department of Conservation

*Te Papa Atawhai*