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Tēnā koe Tim

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request for the following information:

“Please provide information of tax payers funds used in the funding or development of kiwifruit orchards or purchasing Sungold (G3) licence within the last 24 months and those planned for the next 24 months. This may be under the Provincial Growth Fund or another Māori development strategy. Details Requested include: -

- *How many orchards per region*
- *\$\$ involved per region*
- *Hectares involved per region*
- *Funding models, Gift, Interest free loan, Interest bearing loan*
- *Hectares of Sungold (G3) License involved”*

Your request was originally made to the office of Minister Jones on 2 July 2019. On 5 July 2019 the office transferred part of your request concerning any funds paid out under a “Māori development strategy” to Te Puni Kōkiri for a response.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Firstly, we have no record of funding Sungold (G3) Licences in the last 24 months, and none projected within the next 24 months.

However, we have identified the following investments relating to the development of kiwifruit orchards that are within scope of your request.

Table one: Investments 2016/17 – 2019/20

Te Rau Aroha Trustee Limited	
Te Puni Kōkiri Region	Waikato Waiariki
Financial Year	2016/17 - 2017/18
Investment amount	\$195,480.00 (split over 2 financial years)
Investment Purpose	To engage specialist expertise to examine 9 land blocks for conversion from maize to kiwifruit production.
Hectares	200
Seeka Limited	
Te Puni Kōkiri Region	Waikato Waiariki
Financial Year	2017/18
Investment amount	\$50,000.00
Investment Purpose	To recruit five cadets (a mix of existing and new staff) to employ, train, and mentor and develop as part of Seeka’s cadetship programme.
Hectares	Not specified



Paengaroa North A1 Section 2 Ahu Whenua Trust	
Te Puni Kōkiri Region	Waikato Waiariki
Financial Year	2018/19
Investment amount	\$53,297.50
Investment Purpose	To investigate the suitability for growing kiwifruit through assessment of water availability.
Hectares	24
TKG Land Owners General Partner Limited	
Te Puni Kōkiri Region	Waikato Waiariki
Financial Year	2018/19 - 2019/20
Investment amount	\$100,000.00 (split over 2 financial years)
Investment Purpose	To develop an Investment Memorandum for investors of a proposed kiwifruit expansion.
Hectares	100
Seeka Limited	
Te Puni Kōkiri Region	Waikato Waiariki
Financial Year	2018/19 – 2019/20 (split over 2 financial years)
Investment amount	\$30,000.00
Investment Purpose	To recruit three cadets (a mix of existing and new staff) to employ, train, and mentor and develop as part of Seeka's cadetship programme.
Hectares	Not specified

Pipeline Investments 2019/20 – 2020/21

Te Puni Kōkiri uses an investment model that requires kaitono to submit an application for funding, applications then undergo an assessment before being considered for investment. If an application is successful the kaitono will then enter into a funding agreement with Te Puni Kōkiri. Based on this model, there is no projected funding for kiwifruit orchards in the next 24 months.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone 0800 802 602. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe.

Nāku noa, nā

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