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Tēnā koe Amanda

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 09 July 2021 in which you asked for:

I would like to know how many bunks and which huts, where booked by concessionary tourism companies on the opening day of each Great Walk for the 2021/22 Great walk seasons.

Context

The Department of Conservation (DOC) provides concessionaire agreements for operators to conduct commercial activities in our national parks. The concession agreement and the terms of the booking system limit the number of bookings a concessionaire can make and prohibit concessionaires from making speculative bookings. This year 4.1% of bookings made on opening days were made by concessionaires. This equates to 1.5% of DOC's total Great Walks hut capacity and 0.6 % of our campsite capacity booked by concessionaires on the opening days.

Concessionaires provide a value-added service which a proportion of our customers (both domestic and international) desire. Services include pre and post Great Walk transfers and accommodation and guiding services on the walk, which provide an enhanced experience that some customers may prefer.

Our response to your question is provided below:

Great Walk	Number of Bed Nights Sold	Total Sold	Percentage
Abel Tasman Coast Track	1,515	30,903	4.9%
Heaphy Track	2,272	20,477	11.1%
Kepler Track	0	10,231	0.0%
Lake Waikaremoana Track	613	10,321	6.0%



Milford Track	0	22,179	0.0%
Paparoa Track	595	12,741	4.7%
Rakiura Track	826	8,380	9.9%
Routeburn Track	0	20,839	0.0%
Tongariro Northern Circuit	90	6,901	1.3%
Whanganui Journey	692	7,963	8.7%
Total	6,603	161,985	4.1%

Nāku noa, nā

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