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Dear Ms Andonatonou

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 4 February 2022 for the forestry conversion review and names of people and businesses approved by the Overseas Investment Office under the 'special forestry test'.

You were advised on 10 February 2022 that the first part of your request was transferred to The Treasury.

Please provide the names of the people or businesses who were approved to buy under the "special forestry test"? And what if any conflicts of interest may be involved?

Regarding the second part of your request, outlined above, please note that that information can be found on our decision summaries, which are published monthly on our website at www.linz.govt.nz/overseas-investment/latest/latest-decisions/search-decision-summaries. Decision summaries provide information on all applications that have been decided by the Overseas Investment Office.

As such, please find attached as Appendix One a copy of 92 decisions which have been made under the 'special forestry test' pathway. You can enter these case numbers into the webpage above to find out more information on specific applications.

Regarding your query on conflicts of interest, Land Information New Zealand has a conflict of interest policy for all staff. This ensures any perceived, real or actual conflicts are identified and appropriately managed. Assessors who work on special forestry test applications are aware of this policy and are expected to raise any conflicts they may have with a particular application to management in the first instance.

There have been no such conflicts of interest declared since the creation of the special forestry test.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIO@linz.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Appleyard".

Michael Appleyard
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Appendix One: List of Case Numbers – Decisions under the Special Forestry Test:

201810239	201900493	202000309	202100311
201810162 / 201810268	201900388	202000532	202100095
201810283	201900414	202000470	202100373
201810301	201900417	202000684	202100233
201900006	201900450	202000674	202000133 / 202100118
201810269	201900513	202000296	202100045
201810341	201900062	202000620	202100232
201900073	201900504	202000450	202100312
201900004	201900671	202000714	202100212
201810323	201900528	202000715	202100440
201810219	201900460	202000716	202100341
201900168	201900579	202000753	
201810220	201900594	202100052	
201720128	201900551	202100006	
201620028 / 201900014	202000125	202000878	
201900040	201900604	202000245	
201900085	201900568	202000760	
201900341	202000166	202100063	
201900210	202000209	202000913	
201900384	202000236	202000808	
201900218	201900518	202100159	
201900187	202000228	202100262	
201900317	202000195	202000728	
201900232	202000224	202100317	
201900257	202000372	202100217	
201900359	202000436	202100360	
201900387	202000462	202100309	