



OIA26-0198

16 April 2026

M. Herle
fyi-request-34119-ba82be11@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear M. Herle,

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2026 requesting information relating to the Tiakina Kauri Programme and funding provided to BioSense. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

I am seeking information from Biosecurity New Zealand, specifically the Tiakina Kauri Programme. I would like to know how much funding was both allocated and given to BioSense Limited to date (one of the contractors responsible for delivering the programme).

This information is publicly available on the Tiakina Kauri website in our annual reports here: <https://www.kauriprotection.co.nz/tiakina-kauri/corporate-documents>

| Financial Year | Total spent |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 2021/22 to 2022/23 | \$472,611 |
| 2023/24 | \$200,000 |
| 2024/25 | \$180,000 |
| 2025/26 (as at March 2026) | \$80,000 |
| Total | \$1,032,611 |

Additionally, please supply as much detailed information on the outcomes of the work completed by BioSense Limited to date as well as ones that are intended to occur at the end of any remaining contracts or agreements between MPI, Biosecurity New Zealand and BioSense Limited.

BioSense have provided services around the following activities:

- Supporting Tiakina Kauri to implement the Kauri surveillance programme, working across Kaurilands in Northland, Auckland, Coromandel, and Waikato
- Collection & testing of soil samples & providing test results and survey form data to LINZ for storing on Kete Aronui
- Delivering surveillance training
- Tree health assessments of pre-selected trees for surveying
- Providing support to plan field operations

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- Mapping traplines and tracks
- Providing and maintaining surveillance kits and replacing consumable items
- Other surveillance related tasks as agreed with Tiakina Kauri.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Walsh', written in a cursive style.

John Walsh
Director Pest Management