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Dear Maree

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 31 October 2016 requesting the total number of paid users of Great Walks across New Zealand from 2010-2015.

You also asked for:

- a statistical break down of people hiking each Great Walk track across New Zealand; and
- a breakdown of the paid accommodation, being a hut or campsite for each walk.

The visitor numbers to DOC's Great Walks are in the table below. They are from our online booking system, so include visitors who booked and paid for accommodation in DOC huts or campsites:

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Milford	7,235	7,179	7,275	7,244	7,103	7,109
Kepler	8,546	8,678	10,358	11,026	11,936	13,368
Routeburn	10,946	11,053	12,917	13,853	14,225	16,030
Heaphy	5,193	5,663	6,118	5,831	6,854	7,778
Abel Tasman	29,408	27,055	28,738	31,645	36,421	42,035
Lake Waikaremoana	5,113	5,277	7,128	6,332	6,757	7,372
Tongariro	5,882	5,649	5,651	7655	7,996	8,596
Rakiura	2,748	3,305	3,616	4277	5,096	6,028
Whanganui		5,507	6,259	7,418	8,193	8,996
All Great Walks	75,071	79,366	88,060	95,281	104,581	117,588

The breakdown of visitors to Great Walks by international and domestic is presented in the table on the next page.

Visitor breakdown by domestic/international

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	NZ	Int	NZ	Int	NZ	Int	NZ	Int	NZ	Int	NZ	Int
Milford	32.7%	67.3%	32.5%	67.5%	34.7%	65.3%	35.9%	64.1%	35.5%	64.5%	32.7%	67.3%
Kepler	27.5%	72.5%	30.7%	69.3%	32.4%	67.6%	29.9%	70.1%	24.8%	75.2%	24.9%	75.1%
Routeburn	30.6%	69.4%	32.9%	67.1%	36.6%	63.4%	35.5%	64.5%	31.9%	68.1%	27.5%	72.5%
Heaphy	70.3%	29.7%	72.4%	27.6%	70.4%	29.6%	66.4%	33.6%	68.0%	32.0%	64.7%	35.3%
Abel Tasman	44.1%	55.9%	42.6%	57.4%	43.4%	56.6%	39.0%	61.0%	39.0%	61.0%	36.2%	63.8%
Lake Waikaremoana	76.1%	23.9%	78.8%	21.2%	83.3%	16.7%	76.5%	23.5%	73.6%	26.4%	70.7%	29.3%
Tongariro	43.3%	56.7%	46.1%	53.9%	39.6%	60.4%	42.1%	57.9%	41.6%	58.4%	35.6%	64.4%
Rakiura	46.5%	53.5%	51.7%	48.3%	52.2%	47.8%	55.2%	44.8%	50.3%	49.7%	48.3%	51.7%
Whanganui	NA	NA	67.9%	32.1%	68.9%	32.0%	65.3%	34.7%	64.4%	35.6%	58.3%	41.7%

The visitor breakdown to Great Walks by accommodation type (campsite or hut) is presented below.

Visitor breakdown by accommodation type

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	Campsites	Huts	Campsites	Huts	Campsites	Huts	Campsites	Huts	Campsites	Huts	Campsites	Huts
Abel Tasman Coast Track - Great Walk	68.3%	31.7%	68.0%	32.0%	67.5%	32.5%	66.7%	33.3%	67.3%	32.7%	69.7%	30.3%
Heaphy Track - Great Walk	17.0%	83.0%	16.1%	83.9%	16.8%	83.2%	17.6%	82.4%	19.2%	80.8%	18.9%	81.1%
Kepler Track - Great Walk	19.9%	80.1%	20.7%	79.3%	22.3%	77.7%	23.6%	77.4%	25.2%	74.8%	27.4%	72.6%
Lake Waikaremoana Track - Great Walk	13.5%	86.5%	13.0%	87.0%	13.1%	86.9%	16.9%	83.1%	18.6%	81.4%	21.5%	78.5%
Milford Track	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Rakiura Track - Great Walk	24.7%	75.3%	26.4%	73.6%	23.6%	76.4%	21.9%	77.1%	23.2%	76.8%	25.3%	74.7%
Routeburn Track - Great Walk	20.8%	79.2%	21.8%	78.2%	22.1%	77.9%	22.4%	77.6%	24.1%	75.9%	24.4%	75.6%
Tongariro Northern Circuit - Great Walk	20.6%	79.4%	19.3%	80.7%	28.7%	71.3%	29.5%	70.5%	31.8%	68.2%	30.3%	69.7%
Whanganui Journey - Great Walk	NA	NA	70.9%	29.1%	68.9%	31.1%	68.9%	31.1%	70.0%	30.0%	68.7%	31.3%



The breakdown of visitors to Great Walks by age is presented in the table below.

Visitor breakdown by age	2010/11						
	0-4	5-15	16-17	18-35	36-50	51-65	66+
Abel Tasman Coast Track - Great Walk	0.6%	11.0%	3.8%	65.1%	13.0%	5.7%	0.8%
Teahapū Track - Great Walk	0.1%	6.6%	3.9%	32.3%	29.0%	24.9%	3.1%
Tepler Track - Great Walk	0.2%	4.2%	3.7%	60.2%	16.9%	13.2%	1.6%
Lake Waikaremoana Track - Great Walk	0.2%	14.3%	7.8%	37.7%	22.1%	16.2%	1.8%
Milford Track - Great Walk	0.0%	5.7%	3.1%	43.9%	23.2%	21.6%	2.4%
Te Anau Track - Great Walk	0.1%	5.9%	1.0%	59.2%	17.7%	14.3%	1.8%
Routeburn Track - Great Walk	0.1%	5.7%	2.9%	54.5%	19.7%	15.5%	1.6%
Ngāi Tahu Northern Circuit - Great Walk	0.3%	7.2%	7.3%	54.1%	19.2%	10.6%	1.3%
Whanganui Journey - Great Walk	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	2011/12						
	0-4	5-15	16-17	18-35	36-50	51-65	66+
Abel Tasman Coast Track - Great Walk	0.5%	10.7%	3.4%	66.3%	12.4%	5.9%	0.7%
Teahapū Track - Great Walk	0.1%	5.4%	3.6%	34.4%	29.7%	23.3%	3.4%
Tepler Track - Great Walk	0.1%	5.1%	4.1%	59.0%	16.2%	13.9%	1.6%
Lake Waikaremoana Track - Great Walk	0.2%	13.9%	8.9%	33.4%	23.3%	18.4%	1.8%
Milford Track - Great Walk	0.0%	5.2%	3.5%	41.8%	22.9%	24.1%	2.5%
Te Anau Track - Great Walk	0.3%	6.2%	2.6%	58.5%	16.6%	14.2%	1.6%
Routeburn Track - Great Walk	0.1%	6.7%	2.9%	54.0%	19.5%	15.2%	1.5%
Ngāi Tahu Northern Circuit - Great Walk	0.2%	8.4%	8.2%	50.5%	21.0%	11.0%	0.8%
Whanganui Journey - Great Walk	12.1%	6.6%	49.4%	18.3%	12.1%	1.5%	0.1%
	2012/13						
	0-4	5-15	16-17	18-35	36-50	51-65	66+
Abel Tasman Coast Track - Great Walk	0.5%	11.2%	3.3%	66.0%	12.4%	5.8%	0.8%
Teahapū Track - Great Walk	0.1%	6.2%	3.9%	36.8%	27.3%	21.8%	3.9%
Tepler Track - Great Walk	0.1%	6.2%	4.1%	58.7%	15.2%	12.8%	1.8%
Lake Waikaremoana Track - Great Walk	0.2%	14.8%	9.4%	36.8%	20.7%	15.9%	2.2%
Milford Track - Great Walk	0.0%	6.7%	3.2%	43.7%	22.9%	21.0%	2.4%
Te Anau Track - Great Walk	0.1%	6.7%	4.1%	52.0%	17.2%	17.1%	2.7%
Routeburn Track - Great Walk	0.3%	6.7%	2.8%	52.7%	19.8%	16.1%	1.7%
Ngāi Tahu Northern Circuit - Great Walk	0.3%	6.1%	6.0%	58.3%	17.0%	10.9%	1.4%
Whanganui Journey - Great Walk	12.5%	6.5%	46.9%	19.9%	13.0%	1.0%	0.1%
	2013/14						
	0-4	5-15	16-17	18-35	36-50	51-65	66+
Abel Tasman Coast Track - Great Walk	0.5%	10.1%	3.8%	65.8%	12.4%	6.5%	0.9%
Teahapū Track - Great Walk	0.1%	6.0%	2.1%	40.8%	25.5%	22.0%	3.5%
Tepler Track - Great Walk	0.1%	3.6%	3.4%	62.4%	15.8%	13.1%	1.6%
Lake Waikaremoana Track - Great Walk	0.2%	11.9%	7.7%	39.8%	21.7%	16.5%	2.1%
Milford Track - Great Walk	0.1%	5.7%	3.3%	42.5%	22.0%	23.5%	2.9%
Te Anau Track - Great Walk	0.2%	6.2%	3.9%	53.4%	16.4%	16.2%	3.7%
Routeburn Track - Great Walk	0.2%	6.7%	2.4%	52.1%	19.9%	16.6%	2.1%
Ngāi Tahu Northern Circuit - Great Walk	0.1%	5.6%	6.4%	56.8%	17.0%	12.6%	1.5%
Whanganui Journey - Great Walk	11.0%	5.4%	51.5%	18.1%	12.6%	1.3%	0.1%
	2014/15						
	0-4	5-15	16-17	18-35	36-50	51-65	66+
Abel Tasman Coast Track - Great Walk	0.5%	10.1%	3.1%	67.4%	12.0%	6.1%	0.7%
Teahapū Track - Great Walk	0.1%	6.1%	3.3%	40.9%	22.7%	22.9%	4.0%
Tepler Track - Great Walk	0.1%	4.0%	3.0%	63.1%	15.3%	13.1%	1.4%
Lake Waikaremoana Track - Great Walk	0.3%	13.0%	6.5%	41.7%	20.7%	15.2%	2.7%
Milford Track - Great Walk	0.0%	5.6%	3.0%	45.3%	21.1%	22.4%	2.6%
Te Anau Track - Great Walk	0.2%	7.5%	3.7%	54.3%	15.1%	16.6%	2.7%
Routeburn Track - Great Walk	0.2%	6.1%	2.6%	55.0%	19.0%	15.2%	2.0%
Ngāi Tahu Northern Circuit - Great Walk	0.1%	6.3%	6.8%	55.6%	16.6%	12.6%	2.0%
Whanganui Journey - Great Walk	13.5%	3.8%	50.0%	16.8%	13.8%	2.1%	0.1%
	2015/16						
	0-4	5-15	16-17	18-35	36-50	51-65	66+
Abel Tasman Coast Track - Great Walk	0.4%	9.4%	3.4%	68.1%	11.8%	5.8%	1.1%
Teahapū Track - Great Walk	0.1%	6.5%	2.6%	40.2%	24.2%	22.3%	4.1%
Tepler Track - Great Walk	0.0%	4.5%	3.2%	63.6%	13.9%	13.0%	1.7%
Lake Waikaremoana Track - Great Walk	0.3%	12.4%	7.2%	42.1%	19.7%	15.8%	2.5%
Milford Track - Great Walk	0.0%	5.7%	3.5%	42.0%	21.6%	24.1%	3.2%
Te Anau Track - Great Walk	0.2%	7.8%	2.8%	55.8%	15.2%	15.3%	2.9%
Routeburn Track - Great Walk	0.2%	6.9%	2.7%	53.9%	18.4%	15.8%	2.1%
Ngāi Tahu Northern Circuit - Great Walk	0.2%	6.2%	6.7%	59.2%	14.6%	11.4%	1.8%
Whanganui Journey - Great Walk	11.4%	4.2%	55.9%	15.4%	11.4%	1.7%	0.0%



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I trust that this information answers your queries.

Yours sincerely

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