



18-E-1061 OIA

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By email: fyi-request-9268-7d4b201d@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request dated 16 December 2018 for the following:

"I require ALL of the New Zealand Department of Conservations bank statements between 1-1-2011 and 1-1-2018.

The digital raw form bank statements are required showing all income and expenditure and all the normal details that the bank has on these statements.

To clarify, when I say ALL or all bank statements and normal details I mean "every single one" "each and every one" and "actually all of them" as there seems to be some confusion in the supply of publicly owned data within your department and these statements are intended to clarify what is required of you by law".

Your request as currently framed will be very difficult to meet without substantial collation or research. It is estimated that it would take 50 hours to provide you with the seven years of transactions for the three bank accounts maintained by the Department.

Unless your request is amended, we may have to refuse it under section 18(f) of the OIA, which applies where the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Please let us know before 1 February 2019 whether you are prepared to amend or clarify your request to cover a shorter time period or whether you might be prepared to meet the cost of the work to complete the OIA. This would be charged at a rate of \$76 per hour as specified in the [Ministry of Justice Charging Guidelines](#). It is also important to note and advise that income and expenditure for a large organisation cannot be ascertained by digital or hard copy bank statements. Transactions are encrypted for electronic updates into financial systems.

I have provided you with one month of bank transactions for January 2011 in digital format as an example of the information you have requested.

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Please also find a link to the Department's Annual Reports which includes income and expenditure and other useful financial statements, prepared according to International Public Benefit Entity accounting standards (IPSAS PBE), and audited by KPMG:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/corporate-publications/annual-reports-archive/>

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28 (3) Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Nowlan'.

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