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Mr Andy Blick

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Dear Mr Blick

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 24 April 2020. Your request follows from our response about your previous OIA 20-E-0022, when we advised that final costs for the December 2019 Whirinaki would be available in approximately four months. Accordingly, you have requested the following:

could you please provide the final costings for the 2019 aerial 1080 operation in the Whirinaki forest. Please also provide the costs of the associated security and any payments made to iwi organisations or individuals that pertained to this operation.

The total budget assigned to this operation was \$878,517. Of this, \$809,277 has been spent to date.

This includes security costs, which were \$10,548.

No payments have been made, or will be made, to iwi organisations or individuals.

Final costs are still being confirmed, as some post operational work has been delayed by Covid-19 restrictions. However, the total expenditure for this project is expected to be at or below budget.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) will be published on the Department's website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Aikman'.

Hilary Aikman
Director Operations Issues and Programmes
for Director General