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Ref: [DOIA 2021-2414] and [DOIA 2021-2411]

Dear Leon,

Thank you for your two emails of 28 May 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- DOIA 2021-2414:
"I would like to request the number of applications made to the Rutherford Discovery Fellowships in 2021."
- DOIA 2021-2411:
"I am writing to request the total number of applications received to the MBIE Science Whitinga Fellowship, which closed on 20 April this year. I would also like a breakdown of the number received from each of New Zealand's 8 universities."

The Royal Society Te Apārangi manages the Rutherford Discovery Fellowships and MBIE Science Whitinga Fellowship on behalf of MBIE.

The total number of applications made to the Rutherford Discovery Fellowships 2021 is 114.

The fund closed on 29 April 2021. More information on the fund is available at the Royal Society webpage here: <https://www.royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/funds-and-opportunities/rutherford-discovery-fellowships/>



The total number of applications received to the MBIE Science Whitinga Fellowship in 2021 is 246. The breakdown of the numbers received from each of New Zealand's eight Universities follows:

University	Number of Applications
Auckland University of Technology	7
Lincoln University	2
Massey University	15
The University of Auckland	95
University of Canterbury	31
University of Otago	20
University of Waikato	15
Victoria University of Wellington	30

The fund closed on 20 April 2021. More information on this fund is available on the Royal Society webpage here: <https://www.royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/funds-and-opportunities/mbie-science-whitinga-fellowship/>

I trust that you find the information helpful.

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

Yours sincerely,



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