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Dear Chuck

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“Can you please provide all of the information held on New Zealand's natural resources.*

*Gold Reserves / Deposits Information and total estimated value to the Crown Silver Reserves / Deposits Information and total estimated value to the Crown Uranium Reserves / Deposits Information and total estimated value to the Crown Petroleum and Natural Gas / Reserves Information and total estimated value to the Crown*

*Ultimately if it could be provided in the following format*

*Location*

*Mined - Yes or No*

*Resource - Gold or Petroleum*

*Estimated Value”*

The Ministry periodically publishes petroleum reserves (including gas) data on its website. This information is compiled using annual summary reports submitted by permit holders. The latest publication includes reserves data as at January 2021 and can be accessed here: [www.mbie.govt.nz/building-and-energy/energy-and-natural-resources/energy-statistics-and-modelling/energy-statistics/petroleum-reserves-data](http://www.mbie.govt.nz/building-and-energy/energy-and-natural-resources/energy-statistics-and-modelling/energy-statistics/petroleum-reserves-data) . Please note the disclaimer regarding the accuracy and completeness of the reserves data. The Ministry is therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act (that the information is publicly available).

Resources and reserves are reported for both gold and silver. The attached Excel spreadsheet give details of these for the 2020 calendar year (the most up to date the Ministry holds). The gold and silver figures in the spreadsheet relate to operations by the following companies and under the following permits (presented in alphabetical order):



Companies	Operations	Permits	Region(s)	Development stage
Matakanui Gold Limited		60311	Otago	Being developed
New Talisman Gold Mines Limited	Talisman	51326	Waikato	Being developed
New Zealand Tungsten Mining Limited	Glenorchy	40547	Otago	Being developed
Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited	Macraes Snowy River Waihi Wharekirauponga	41064, 52738 60473 41808 60541	Otago West Coast Waikato Waikato	Actively mined + ongoing development Being developed Actively mined + ongoing development Being developed

Details of where these permits/operations are located are available by searching the permit numbers on the Minerals Webmap: <https://data.nzpam.govt.nz/permitwebmaps/?commodity=minerals>

In addition, information available in the public domain that you may find helpful can be found at these websites:

Annual minerals industry statistics, including gold and silver production since 1970: <https://www.nzpam.govt.nz/nz-industry/nz-minerals/minerals-statistics/industry-statistics/>

The Exploration Database – a collection of free geoscience exploration data and reports: <https://www.nzpam.govt.nz/maps-geoscience/exploration-database/>

The Ministry holds no information on reserves or resources for uranium. The Ministry is therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act (that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist).

The Ministry does not calculate the royalty value of resources and reserves left. The Ministry is therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act (that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist).

Information on petroleum royalty revenues is published on the New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals website at the following link: [www.nzpam.govt.nz/nz-industry/nz-minerals/minerals-statistics/industry-statistics/](http://www.nzpam.govt.nz/nz-industry/nz-minerals/minerals-statistics/industry-statistics/). The Ministry is therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act (that the information is publicly available).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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