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Dear T. Austin

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 2 April 2019. You requested the following:

1. How many kilometres of your track network will need to be, or have been, upgraded due to kauri dieback.
2. How many kilometres of your track network are you closing permanently due to kauri dieback?
3. How much are you spending on kauri dieback research?

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *How many kilometres of your track network will need to be, or have been, upgraded due to kauri dieback.*
 - 213 kms of track have been upgraded to date
 - 214 kms (approx.) of track are still to be upgraded

Note these upgrades also allow for many more kilometres of non-mitigated track to remain open and accessible to the public e.g. where a part of a track goes through kauri.
2. *How many kilometres of your track network are you closing permanently due to kauri dieback?*
 - 104.2 kms of track have been closed permanently due to kauri dieback.
3. *How much are you spending on kauri dieback research?*
 - DOC Behaviour Change Research as of 31 March 2019: \$156,299.00.
This research is focussed on gaining an understanding how visitors are using the new cleaning stations and trialling behaviour change initiatives and improvements to the cleaning stations.
 - Kauri Dieback Programme MPI-led Research since the 2015/2016 financial year: \$280,000 per annum
 - DOC also contributed \$87,000 for the last two years and \$84,000 this year to support the MPI led Kauri Dieback Programme. This funding is not specifically targeted to research but is used to support operational research and/or joint programmes of work to develop best practice.

Further information on kauri dieback can be found on the DOC website <https://www.doc.govt.nz/>.

Yours sincerely

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