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Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 30 November 2015.
You requested the following:

“Could you please provide the information on NZ government expenditure on 'Science and Innovation' for every year between and including the years 2004/05 and 2015/16?”

I need to know the actual amount of money spent by the government on 'Science and Innovation' each year, according to 'New Zealand Treasury Estimates'.”

Information Publicly Available

The information you have requested is publicly available on the Treasury website. Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

To find the relevant information for the years prior to 2012/13, you need to first go to the Budget Archives then select the year you require. For the years 2012/13 onwards you are able to go directly to the Estimates, and specifically the summary of financial activity table. This shows the financial information for the Vote over the preceding five years (actual, budgeted, or estimated actual), the current year (Budget) and the following three years (estimated). Note that the estimated actual expenditure for the 2015/16 financial year will be published partway through the 2015/16 financial year.

Please also note that expenditure on science and innovation was captured by Vote Research, Science and Technology until 2010. From 2011 to 2014 the Vote was renamed Vote Science and Innovation. Then in 2015 this Vote was merged with other Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment votes so that the science and innovation portfolio sits under Vote Business, Science and Innovation.

This information is summarised in the table below:

Item	Year	Document Description	Website Address
1.	2004/05	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2005: Vote Research, Science and Technology	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/archive then http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2004/estimates
2.	2005/06	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2006: Vote Research, Science and Technology	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/archive then http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2005/estimates
3.	2006/07	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2007: Vote Research, Science and Technology	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/archive then http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2006/estimates
4.	2007/08	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2008: Vote Research, Science and Technology	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/archive then http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2007/estimates
5.	2008/09	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2009: Vote Research, Science and Technology	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/archive then http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2008/estimates
6.	2009/10	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2010: Vote Research, Science and Technology	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/archive then http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2009/estimates
7.	2010/11	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2011: Vote Research, Science and Technology	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/archive then http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2010/estimates
8.	2011/12	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2012: Vote Science and Innovation	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/archive then http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2011/estimates
9.	2012/13	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2013: Vote Science and Innovation	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2012/estimates
10.	2013/14	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2014: Vote Science and Innovation	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2013/estimates

11.	2014/15	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2015: Vote Science and Innovation	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2014/estimates/v2
12.	2015/16	Estimates of Appropriations for the Government of New Zealand for the Year Ending 30 June 2016: Vote Business, Science and Innovation	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/budget . The estimated actual expenditure for 2015/16 will be available here after the 2016 Budget. To obtain the total science and innovation expenditure, each individual appropriation with a Science and Innovation header will need to be summed.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Treasury website.

This fully covers the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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