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Sent: Tuesday, 26 July 2016 4:42 p.m.
To: ^Parliament: David Kidson
Cc: Libby Masterton [TSY]; James Haughton [TSY]; Sarah Jeong [TSY]; Caroline Challands [TSY]; Pip van der Scheer [TSY]; Levi Rona [TSY]
Subject: FW: MfE Investment Approach meeting

Hi David,

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Background: Other uses of the investment approach within the Natural Resources Sector

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- DoC's Predator Free initiative also attempts to invest pest control work in regions of highest return, taking into account the concentration of pests and of native birds across the country. It is anticipated that this programme will build more evidence over time, enabling them to better target pest management.

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OIA Information for Release 20160286

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Reference: 20160286

24 August 2016



Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 27 July 2016. You requested:

“Copies of all reports, aide memoires, briefings, notes, advice (formal documents and emails), correspondence (including emails) sent to the Minister’s office and/or associated offices mentioning options to make New Zealand Predator Free at a future date since October 2015.

Copies of all reports, aide memoires, briefings, notes, advice (formal documents and emails), correspondence (including emails) sent to the Minister’s office and/or associated offices relating to the policy to make New Zealand predator free by 2050.”

Information Being Released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1.	4 February 2016	Appendix 2 Aide Memoire: Budget 2016 Initiatives in the BGA Natural Resources workstream	Release in part
2.	9 May 2016	Briefing for MoF: Meeting with DoC Officials 10 May:	Release in part
3.	31 May 2016	Aide Memoire: Major Areas of Investment	Release in part
4.	6 July 2016	EGI Briefing 6 July Accelerating Predator Free NZ	Release in part
5.	26 July 2016	Email: FW MfE Investment Approach Meeting	Release in part

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,
- advice still under consideration, section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials, and
- names and contact details of junior officials and certain sensitive advice, under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.

Please note that document 1 relates to an Aide Memoire that was released with the Budget 2016 information release. At the time, Accelerating Predator Free was in a contingency and therefore redacted. I have now decided to release this part of the document.

Information Publicly Available

The following information is also covered by your request and is publicly available on the Treasury website:

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
6.	July 2016	Budget 2016 Information Release <i>4 February 2016 Aide Memoire: Budget 2016 Initiatives in the BGA Natural Resources workstream</i>	http://www.treasury.govt.nz/downloads/pdfs/b16-info/b16-3383517.pdf

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.

Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the Official Information Act, on the grounds described in the documents.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents 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

Libby Masterton
Manager, Natural Resources

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Appendix 2: Initiatives that have merit, but are not high priority (amounts are in \$ million)

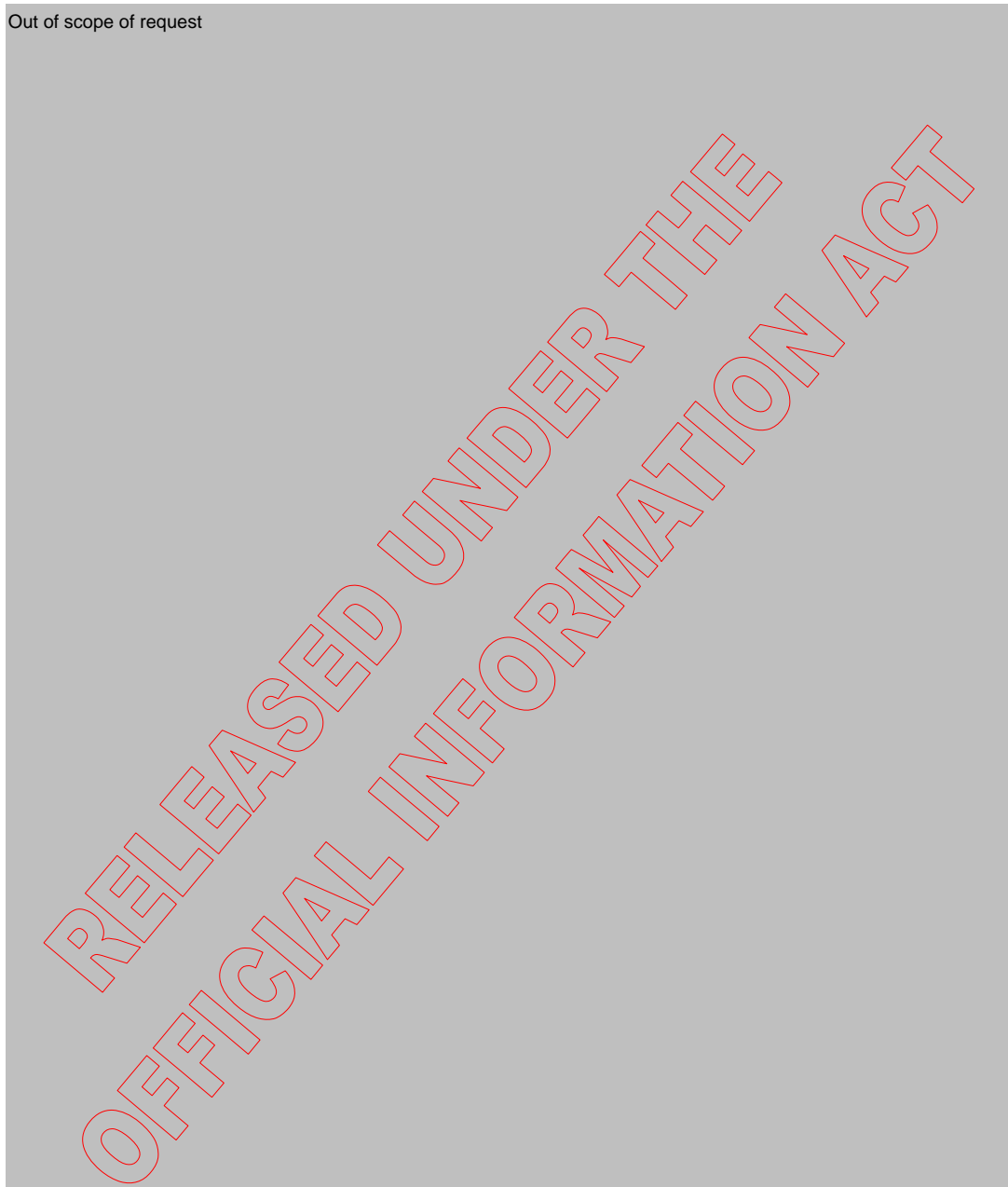
Vote	Initiative		OPEX 2015/16	OPEX 2016/17	OPEX 2017/18	OPEX 2018/19	OPEX 2019/20	CAPEX (over 4 years)	Comment
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Conservation	Accelerating Predator Free New Zealand	Sought	0.000	7.000	7.000	12.000	12.000	0.000	Discretionary effort and some uncertainty on deliverability, recommend funding science component to seek increased ROI from efforts.
		Recommended	0.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	

Pages 5, 6, 8 & 10 out of scope

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Meeting with DOC Officials – 10 May

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Predator Free

As part of Budget 16, DOC have been given \$28m over four years to deliver the “Predator Free NZ Programme”. The funds have been provided in a contingency while DOC develop a sound business case for the programme. s9(2)(f)(iv)

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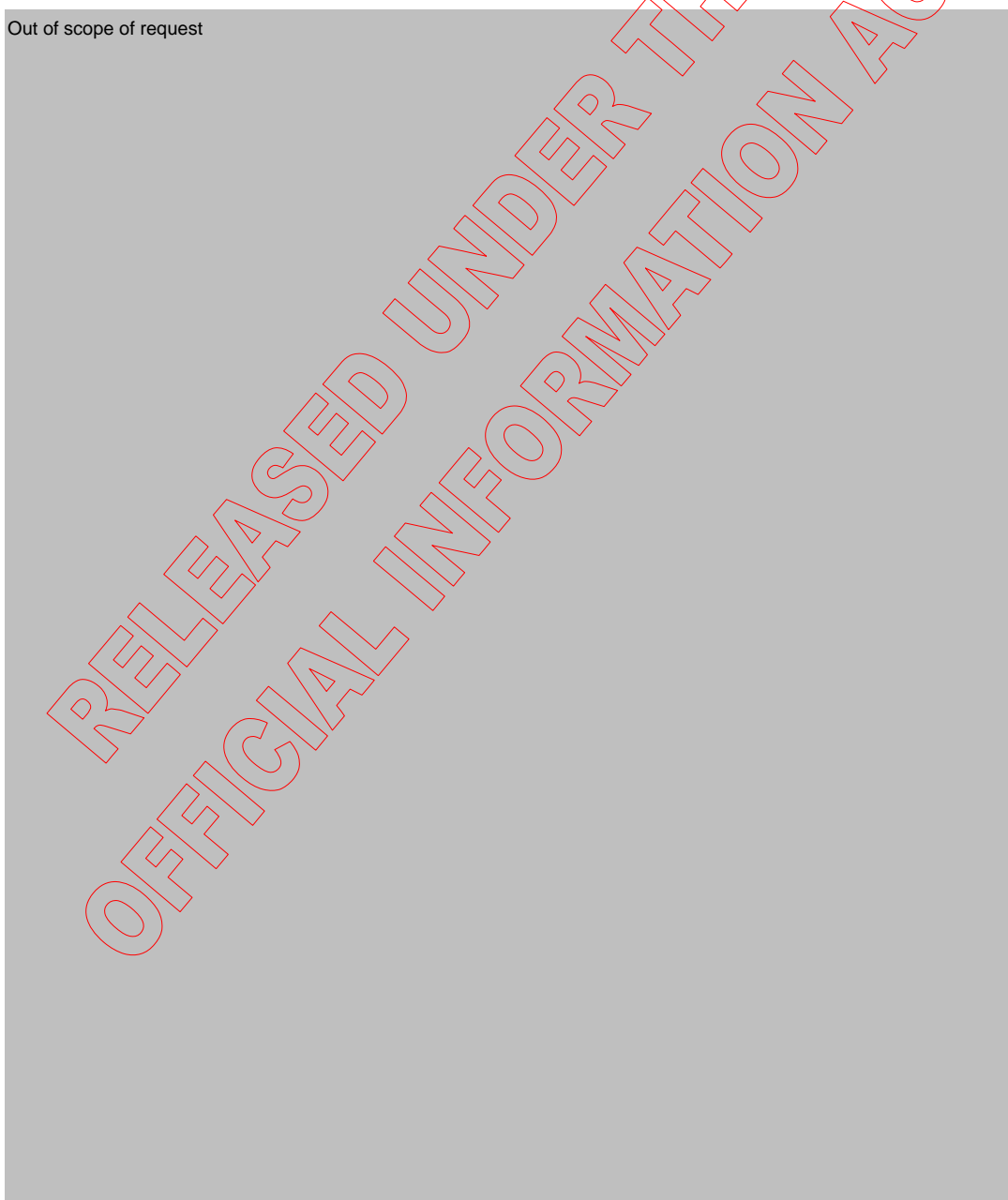
The Predator Free NZ Programme presents an opportunity to reduce long-term pest management costs if pest numbers in large parts of the country fall under controllable

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numbers. To achieve this, DOC need to determine where in the country they should invest in pest management activities to complement existing activities, including areas of potential private investment and areas that overlap with the TB eradication programme.

Ideally we would expect DOC to approach the Predator Free NZ Programme from the perspective of 'what investment would it take to make New Zealand Predator Free by 2040', rather than 'how can we best spend the funds we have been given'. Once they estimate the total cost to achieve a predator free New Zealand, we would like to compare this to the costs of BAU pest control in the present and future.

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Reference: T2016/999

ST-4-9-5

Date: 31 May 2016

To: Minister of Finance
(Hon Bill English)

Deadline: None

Aide Memoire: Major Areas of Investment

Purpose

We are meeting with you on Thursday 2 June at 5:00pm to discuss:

- Treasury's advice on major risks and liabilities, and how they should be managed
- How Treasury is organised to focus on these issues.

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Only page 3 relevant to request

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Area of work	Maturity and description of current investment approach (Dark – fully developed; Medium – in development; Light – no investment approach)	Current focus for improving investment performance	Challenges/ Issues	Treasury priorities
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Natural Resources: Pest Control	No investment approach Fiscal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DOC are required to develop a business case for the Predator Free NZ Programme to enable them to draw down on the tagged contingency allocated in B16.• As part of this work Treasury is encouraging the use of the investment approach to determine how investment in predator eradication can reduce predator control maintenance costs in the longer term for DOC, as well as wider economic and social benefits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Predator Free NZ Programme is a different way of working for DOC (from community grant funding to a more investment and partnerships approach) and this presents challenges for them in terms of capability.• The programme looks out to 2050 – an investment that is longer-term than any DOC has attempted before. s9(2)(f)(iv)	Treasury, along with DPMC are working with DOC on the development of the business case.
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Accelerating Predator Free NZ

Responsible Person: Libby Masterton 917 6221

First Contact Person: s9(2)(g)(i)

Purpose

1. This paper provides further details on the Accelerating Predator Free New Zealand (Predator Free) tagged contingency that was set aside as part of Budget 2016 [CAB-16-MIN-0189.06 refers].
2. The paper proposes that Cabinet:
 - Agree to the goal of making New Zealand predator free by 2050
 - release the Budget 2016 contingency funding of \$28 million over four years to accelerate a programme aimed at making New Zealand predator free by 2050; and
 - approve the establishment of 'Predator Free New Zealand Ltd' (PFNZ) as a Crown company to manage the programme.

Financial Implications

3. The estimated costs of the initial four years of the work programme amount to \$28 million with ongoing baseline funding of \$7 million per annum. The paper seeks Cabinet agreement to delegate authority to joint Ministers to establish the necessary appropriations, including the profile of expense, within the \$28 million tagged contingency "Accelerating Predator Free New Zealand" established as part of Budget 16.

Comment

4. We have reviewed the business case and support the goal of Predator Free and the release of the tagged contingency.

5. s9(2)(f)(iv)

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7. s9(2)(f)(iv)
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9. The contingency provides for \$7 million per annum for four years and in outyears. The projected outyear spend is \$8.475 million per annum. The business case proposes that the \$1.475 million gap between the contingent allocation of \$7 million and this projected amount will be managed by:
- a. Lifting requirements for non-government contributions after 2020
 - b. Finding savings within Vote Conservation
 - c. Scaling back the programme after 2018, or
 - d. Seeking additional funding for outyears

Treasury Recommendation

10. Treasury supports the goal and release of the \$7 million per annum tagged contingency for Predator Free.
11. s9(2)(f)(iv)

The following table goes into the Executive Summary of the paper

Title	Pg	Recommend	Fiscal Implications (\$m GST excl.)					Treasury Comment
			15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	Out years	
Accelerating Predator Free NZ		Support the goal of making New Zealand predator free by 2050 and release of the \$28m contingency.	Operating					This paper seeks Cabinet approval of 1) the goal to make New Zealand predator free by 2050; 2) the release of the \$28m in a tagged contingency; 3) the establishment of 'Predator Free New Zealand Ltd' as a Crown company to manage predator free.
			4.765	6.370	7.740	9.125	7.000	
			Capital					
			-	-	-	-	-	
		s9(2)(f)(iv)						

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		s9(2)(f)(iv)						Treasury supports the goal and funding s9(2)(f)(iv)
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