

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request received on 27 July 2021 for the following information:

“Could you please tell me how much the EPA spent on satellite imagery for the previous 5 financial years”

Our finance and procurement teams do not have any records of spending on satellite imagery within the previous five financial years.

Our intelligence and reporting team uses satellite imagery provided as part of their licence with Esri ArcGIS, which is a suite of geospatial software tools for web maps. The imagery used is available free for public use. We have used Esri ArcGIS since January 2021. Prior to using Esri ArcGIS, the intelligence and reporting team used QGIS, another geospatial software tool, which is available for free for public use. When creating static maps, the Basemaps tool from Land Information New Zealand is used.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via: ministerials@epa.govt.nz

We may publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz. We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy.

Nāku noa nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P Lim'.

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