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Dear J Bruning

Thank you for your email of 17 July 2023 requesting information relating to climate initiatives for agriculture and forestry included in the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

- (1) *Please advise total funding allocated for (a) agriculture and (b) forestry out of the total CERF by year.*

With reference to section 18(d) of the OIA, information relating to the CERF bids for Agriculture and Forestry at the time of announcement are publicly available on page 157 – 163 of the following link: <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2022-05/b22-wellbeing-budget.pdf>.

- (2) *Please provide information relating to all budgeted Government allocation to CERF climate initiatives for agriculture and forestry.*

*This request encompasses information relating to:*

- (a) *Allocated budget by project, year and relevant institution/s for each project.*
- (b) *Brief summary and timeline of each project and the projects intended outcome.*
- (b) *Terms of reference/funding scopes developed to date, for organisations who apply for funding under these schemes.*

Please find attached as Appendix One a complete breakdown of each of the following climate change initiatives for agriculture and forestry:

### **Agriculture**

- Agricultural emissions reduction – developing the Agricultural Emissions Pricing System.
- Agriculture: Accelerating development of greenhouse gas mitigations.
- Agriculture: Supporting producers and Māori entities to transition to a low emissions future.

### **Forestry**

- Forestry: Increasing woody biomass supply to replace coal and other carbon intensive fuels and materials.
- Forestry: Maximising carbon storage, increasing natural sequestration to achieve New Zealand's future carbon goals.
- Forestry: Establishing native forests at scale to develop long-term carbon sinks and improve biodiversity.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Saunders", is positioned above a thin blue horizontal line.

John Saunders  
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