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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 27 September 2023 for information regarding grazable Crown land.

Your original request was received by the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment and partially transferred to Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand on 27 September 2023 under section 14 (b)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Specifically, you have requested:

1. How much grazable land does the NZ Crown lease out?
2. How often does it come up and how do you apply for it?
3. How big is each property and what locations?
4. Is there any vacant lease land packaged currently?

Please find answers to your questions below:

1. How much grazable land does the NZ Crown lease out?

We are only able to provide details on the grazable lease land administered by Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand. Currently there are leases for 253 properties across the country totalling approximately 46,500 hectares for grazing purposes.

2. How often does it come up and how do you apply for it?

To apply for permission to conduct an activity on Crown land e.g. a grazing licence, you will first need to confirm that the land or property you are interested in is administered by Toitū Te Whenua. The most common way is to confirm via the Central Record of State Land located on our website. Once confirmed, an application is completed (including payment of the requisite fee). Toitū Te Whenua assesses the application and then notifies the decision. I have attached application information for your easy reference.

3. How big is each property and what locations?

The 253 properties currently leased for grazing purposes range in size from 25m² to 19,000 hectares. Appendix one attached provides a breakdown of the regional location of these properties.

4. Is there any vacant lease land packaged currently?

Please refer to the answer to question 2. We do not hold information showing what land is vacant and available to be packaged and this part of your request is refused under 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact:

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand's website. This is likely to be published by 30 November 2023

Nāku noa, nā



Sonya Wikitera
Head of Crown Property

APPENDIX ONE

Table: Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand: Number of properties currently leased for grazing purposes by regional location – as at 6 October 2023.

Region	Number of properties
Auckland Region	4
Bay of Plenty Region	3
Canterbury Region	79
Hawke's Bay Region	10
Manawatu-Wanganui Region	30
Marlborough Region	1
Northland Region	3
Otago Region	30
Southland Region	30
Taranaki Region	12
Tasman Region	5
Waikato Region	19
Wellington Region	8
West Coast Region	19
Total	253