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I refer to your email of 24 November 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *A breakdown of how the \$1.3 billion in climate finance funding has been allocated, by country and project, as of November 2023.*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) has understood the '\$1.3. billion' to mean the NZ\$1.3 billion in climate funding announced in October 2021.

A breakdown of how the NZ\$1.3 billion in climate funding has been spent, by country, as of November 2023 is attached as **Appendix One**. Please note, we are unable to provide data by 'project' or 'allocation' because this is connected to contracts under negotiation. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 9(2)(j) of the OIA.

2. *Whether or not the \$1.3 billion is on track to be fully spent by 2025.*

Yes, we forecast that the NZ\$1.3 billion will be spent in full by end 2025 (December 2025).

3. *An update on the following commitment as [outlined](#) on MFAT's Climate Finance web page, including a completion date for when the reporting tool will be built: "We are building reporting on this website so everyone can see where our support goes and the difference it makes."*

We have interpreted this part of your request to be for an update on the reporting tool referred to on the 'What is climate finance?' page on the Ministry website. A reporting tool providing searchable, summary information on the activities in New Zealand's International Development Cooperation programme is planned to be available via the Ministry's website by the end of June 2024 (including the climate finance activities).

4. *Whether or not your agency has discussed the climate finance spend commitment for 2026-2030, and if so, the outcome of these discussions, including whether the commitment will be increased or decreased and if the commitment will impact other ODA spending.*

No decision on the commitment for 2026-2030 has yet been made.

Your agency's approach to Loss and Damage funding, including:

5. Whether the 2022 commitment of NZ\$20 million will be increased

The current focus is on programming the initial NZ\$20 million. Future Loss and Damage funding is beyond the current commitment.

6. How the NZ\$20 million is being and will be spent.

We are working with Pacific government partners and the regional environmental agency, South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, to develop options for spending this funding.

7. Your agency's intentions to increase funding for Loss and Damage.

Please refer to question five's response.

8. The source of Loss and Damage funding, and whether it will continue to be drawn from the existing 1.3 billion climate finance commitment.

Current Loss and Damage funding is drawn from the NZ\$1.3 billion climate finance commitment.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Appendix One: Climate Finance Spent by Country from 1 January 2022 to 22 November 2023

Region	Country	NZD
Pacific Countries (Bilateral)	Cook Islands	33,763,552
	Fiji	14,056,119
	Kiribati	16,236,053
	Marshall Islands	4,103,967
	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	1,370,815
	Nauru	2,168,943
	New Caledonia	92,265
	Niue	1,728,751
	Palau	2,136,175
	Papua New Guinea	6,913,591
	Polynesia, French	92,265
	Samoa	10,977,955
	Solomon Islands	18,721,030
	Tokelau	3,012,600
	Tonga	24,420,045
Tuvalu	13,677,153	
Vanuatu	10,725,640	
Pacific Regional	Pacific Regional/multi-country	93,619,440
	Pacific sub-total	257,816,359
Africa	Africa Regional/multi-country	3,350,843
	Africa South Of Sahara Regional/multi-country	2,804,100
	Botswana	183,496
	Eswatini	40,800
	Ethiopia	1,774,530
	Kenya	723,600
	Lesotho	40,800
	Malawi	2,013,600
	Mozambique	1,778,400
	Rwanda	2,098,800
	South Africa	357,600
	South Sudan	825,000
	Tanzania	1,897,200
	Uganda	244,800
	Zambia	762,340
Zimbabwe	86,400	
	Africa total	18,982,310
Americas	America Central Regional/multi-country	202,611
	America Regional/multi-country	5,008,966
	America South Regional/multi-country	-
	Argentina	40,365
	Bolivia	-
	Colombia	45,061
	Dominica	4,843
	Dominican Republic	21,708
	El Salvador	5,515
	Grenada	4,843
	Guatemala	20,533
	Jamaica	7,500
	Mexico	65,066
	Paraguay	25,258
	Peru	14,500
St. Lucia	4,843	
St. Vincent & Grenadines	4,843	
West Indies Regional/multi-country	1,172,917	
	America total	6,649,371
Asia	Afghanistan	1,870,666
	Asia Far East/multi-country (North&Sth East)	1,149,450
	Bangladesh	1,488,000
	Cambodia	12,443,376
	India	1,178,000
	Indonesia	23,979,410
	Laos	4,766,862
	Malaysia	53,378
	Myanmar	3,101,407
	Nepal	30,360
	Philippines	15,878,050
	Sri Lanka	397,385
	Thailand	165,431
	Timor Leste	8,187,121
	Viet Nam	19,958,070
	Asia total	94,646,967
Other	Multilateral Agency	76,307,731
	Worldwide/Multi-Region	5,055,078
	Other total	81,362,809
	Overall Total	459,457,816

Please note that for the country breakdown not all funding goes directly to the country but includes percentages of multi-country programmes.