


10 June 2026

Ref: OIA 26100



Tēnā koe 

I refer to your request for official information received on 14 May 2026:

We are interested in understanding how many projects that have progressed through the substantive process have exceeded the initial application fee and, as a result, either been required to pay an additional fee or have been suspended by the EPA.

We do not require detailed particulars - only the number of projects, and, if applicable, an indication of the extent to which costs have typically exceeded the original fee.

As of 29 May 2026, the [Fast-track website](#) listed 24 substantive applications that had been concluded; 23 approved applications and one withdrawn. The Environmental Protection Authority has not suspended any applications.

Of the 24 substantive applications (approved or withdrawn), 22 exceeded the initial application fee of \$250,000 and two applications received refunds for their unutilised initial application fees.

#### Number of Applications that required additional application fee

Application fee	Number of applications.
Less than \$250,000 (Refunded Unused Application Fee)	2
\$0 - \$250,000	7
\$250,001 - \$500,000	8
\$500,001 - \$750,000	3
\$750,001 - \$1,000,000	2
\$1,000,001 - \$1,250,000	-
\$1,250,001 - \$1,500,000	1
\$1,500,001 - \$1,750,000	-
\$1,750,001 - \$2,000,000	1
<b>Total Exceeded Initial Application Fee</b>	<b>24</b>

I hope this information is helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

If you have any further queries, please contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz).

We may publish your request and our response on the Fast-track website, [www.fasttrack.govt.nz](http://www.fasttrack.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 black ink, appearing to read 'G.R.P.', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

Garth Bloomfield  
**Acting General Manager, Climate, Land and Oceans**