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**DEPARTMENT OF  
CONSERVATION  
TE PAPA ATAWHAI**

Report on Non-Departmental  
Output Classes for the year  
ended 30 June 2004

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Presented to the House of Representatives pursuant to Section 32A of the Public  
Finance Act 1989.

As Minister of Conservation I am required under section 32A of the Public Finance Act 1989 to report on outputs which are predominantly supplied by third parties paid directly by the Crown where these are not separately reported to Parliament.

A Statement of Service Performance and a Statement of any Liabilities, Commitments or Contingent Liabilities arising from the purchase is required. The following performance report fulfils this requirement and is based on unaudited figures.

This report covers activities related to the Nature Heritage Fund and Nga Whenua Rahui and Moutoa Gardens/Pakaitore. Additionally it also relates to work carried out as part of the New Zealand Biodiversity Advisory and Condition Funds. These are funded under the Vote: Conservation Non-Departmental Output Classes:

- 01- Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places
- 03-Management Services: Moutoa Gardens/Pakaitore
- 04-New Zealand Biodiversity Advisory and Condition Funds

Output Class 02 Management Services: Natural and Historic Places is not included in this report because the Historic Places Trust and the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust are both required to submit individual audited financial statements to Parliament.

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The Hon Chris Carter  
Minister of Conservation

**NON-DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUT CLASSES****STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE****OUTPUT CLASS 01 - IDENTIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTECTION FOR NATURAL AND HISTORIC PLACES****Description**

This output class covers:

- the implementation of legal protection of natural and historic resources on private or leasehold land; and
- the protection of indigenous ecosystems on private land or in Maori ownership through the use of contestable funds.

**Service Performance****Protection of indigenous ecosystems on private land through the Nature Heritage Fund (NHF)**

<b>Projected Performance</b>	<b>Performance Achieved</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is expected that 30 negotiations will be undertaken, resulting in ten purchases and four covenants.</li> </ul>	A total of 89 negotiations were undertaken resulting in 14 purchases and 2 new covenants.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The quality of proposals for protection is assessed against the NHF's set of criteria. These criteria assess the ecological, landscape and other values inherent in each application.</li> </ul>	All proposals were assessed against the Nature Heritage Fund's set of criteria.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NHF committee will make recommendations on proposals, with final approval being given by the Minister of Conservation.</li> </ul>	The Minister of Conservation approved all of the recommendations from the Nature Heritage Fund Committee.

**Service Performance****Protection of indigenous ecosystems in Maori ownership on South Island  
Landless Natives Act (SILNA) land through the Nature Heritage Fund (NHF)**

<b>Projected Performance</b>	<b>Performance Achieved</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is expected that approval will be given to 5 Trusts to protect indigenous ecosystems on 5 blocks of SILNA lands.</li> <li>The quality of proposals for protection is assessed against the NHF's set of criteria and the approval criteria set by Cabinet. These criteria assess the ecological, landscape and other values inherent in each application.</li> <li>The NHF committee will make recommendations on proposals, with final approval being given by the Minister of Conservation.</li> </ul>	<p>Approval was given to 2 Trusts to protect indigenous ecosystems on 2 blocks of SILNA lands.</p> <p>All proposals were assessed against the Nature Heritage Fund's set of criteria.</p> <p>The Minister of Conservation approved all of the recommendations from the Nature Heritage Fund Committee.</p>

### Protection of indigenous ecosystems in Maori ownership through Nga Whenua Rahui (NWR)

Projected Performance	Performance Achieved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is expected that 50 consultations with owners will be undertaken.</li> </ul>	68 consultations were undertaken with Maori landowners.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is expected that 10 new covenants/management agreements will result and outstanding covenants from previous years will be completed.</li> </ul>	<p>12 new protection mechanisms (kawenata/management agreements) were approved by the Minister of Conservation.</p> <p>9 protections mechanisms were signed between Maori landowners and the Minister of Conservation.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The quality of proposals for protection is assessed against the NWR set of criteria. These criteria assess the ecological, cultural, spiritual and other values inherent in each application.</li> </ul>	<p>All applications considered by the Nga Whenua Rahui committee met the set criteria.</p> <p>All applications included detailed ecological reports.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NWR committee will make recommendations on proposals, with final approval by the Minister of Conservation.</li> </ul>	The Minister of Conservation approved all recommendations from the Nga Whenua Rahui committee. The recommendations included 12 new protection projects involving 31,751 hectares.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is expected that 8 Matauranga Kura Taiao projects will be assisted. The quality of proposals will be assessed against the Matauranga Kura Taiao set of criteria.</li> </ul>	<p>23 projects were assisted under the Matauranga Kura Taiao Fund (MKT).</p> <p>2 wetland workshops were held for Maori owners for covenantors and successful applicants to the MKT Fund.</p>

### Statement of Liabilities, Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

There was a total of \$ 12,522,000 outstanding commitments as at 30 June 2004 resulting from approvals to expend funds on both new and existing projects from both the Nature Heritage and Nga Whenua Rahui Funds.

### Output Class Costs

- Actual expenditure for the Nature Heritage Fund was \$20,719,000, compared to the Appropriation of \$20,753,000.

The balance of the Appropriation committed to new and existing projects (\$34,000) is carried forward to when projects come to charge.

- Actual expenditure for the Nga Whenua Rahui fund was \$3,336,000 compared to the Appropriation of \$7,396,000.

The balance of the Appropriation committed to new and existing projects (\$4,060,000) is carried forward to when projects come to charge.

## **OUTPUT CLASS 03 - MANAGEMENT SERVICES: MOUTOA GARDENS/PAKAITORE**

### **Description**

This output class covers:

- Capital items for the management of Moutoa Gardens/Pakaitore and also includes ongoing maintenance work.
- The ongoing running of the Reserve Board administration.

### **Service Performance**

Completion of the Joan Morrell statue was achieved during the year. This was the main item of capital expenditure. This statue replaced the original one which was destroyed in the 1995 occupation.

Much discussion and correspondence during the year focused around the replacement of the John Ballance statue which was also destroyed during the occupation. The John Ballance family descendents were consulted as well as signatories to the Moutoa Gardens Tripartite agreement. The board is seeking a consensus agreement between all parties on the replacement statue.

The gardens continued to be maintained to a high standard. The Moutoa Gardens Historic Reserves Board met five times during the year with statue and finance sub-committee meetings also being held.

### **Output Class Costs**

\$25,000

## **OUTPUT CLASS 04 - NEW ZEALAND BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY AND CONDITION FUNDS**

### **Description**

This output class covers:

- The provision of information and advice to private land managers in order to encourage and facilitate greater protection of biodiversity outside of public conservation lands.
- Assistance with the costs of pest and weed control, fencing and other management actions aimed at improving the condition of biodiversity outside of public conservation lands.

### **Service Performance**

<b>Projected Performance</b>	<b>Performance Achieved</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is expected that the New Zealand Biodiversity Fund will fund 10 advisory programmes.</li> </ul>	20 advice fund programmes were approved in the year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is expected that the New Zealand Biodiversity Condition Fund will fund 30 condition programmes.</li> </ul>	49 condition fund programmes were approved during the year.

### **Statement of Liabilities, Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

There was a total of \$4,089,171 outstanding commitments as at 30 June 2004 resulting from approvals to expend funds on both new and existing projects from the New Zealand Biodiversity Advisory and Condition Funds.

### **Output Class Costs**

- Actual expenditure for the New Zealand Biodiversity Advisory and Condition Funds was \$2,056,000 compared to the Appropriation of \$5,280,000.

The balance of the Appropriation committed to new and existing projects (\$3,224,000) is carried forward to when projects come to charge.