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22 January 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act Request: Crown funding to Oji Fibre Solutions and Winstone Pulp International

Thank you for your email on 4 December 2024 in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982. You requested:

Hi MBIE, can you tell me how much Crown funding has gone to Oji Fibre since 2014? (I'll ask MPI the same qs separately).

If there are any instances, can you provide: the total funding supplied by the Crown, the form of funding (ie grant, concessionary loan, loan etc); and a brief paragraph or two on the purpose of the funding and the originating fund.

Similarly, can you tell me if Winstone Pulp International received any Crown funding (if you can cover the last 20 years, ie since 2004 that would be helpful).

If there are any instances, as per above, can you provide: the total funding supplied by the Crown, the form of funding (ie grant, concessionary loan, loan etc); and a brief paragraph or two on the purpose of the funding and the originating fund.

In response to your request:

On behalf of the Crown, EECA has provided a total of \$418,500.00 (excluding GST) to Oji Fibre since 2014. See table below for a full breakdown of total Crown funding, form of funding, the purpose of the funding, and the originating fund.

Year signed	Programme/fund	Purpose	Form of funding	EECA funding

2014	Top 200 Energy Users programme	Energy Graduate* – to employ a suitably qualified engineering graduate or graduates for at least two years whose core role is to actively pursue the implementation of at least 10 high value energy efficiency projects and initiatives at the Carter Holt Harvey Tasman Mill	Crown Grant	\$65,000.00
2015	Top 200 Energy Users programme	Energy Audit* – introduce an energy management programme across key packaging sites including an energy audit and implementation of identified energy savings opportunities	Crown Grant	\$45,000.00
2015	Top 200 Energy Users programme	Energy Graduate* – to employ an energy graduate for a two-year period at the Penrose Paper Mill to focus on energy efficiency projects to optimise the plant	Crown Grant	\$70,000.00
2016	Top 200 Energy Users programme	Monitoring and Targeting – to establish an energy management plan and systems to assist in reducing energy intensity at the Penrose Paper Mill operations and deliver tangible energy and cost savings	Crown Grant	\$45,000.00
2017	Top 200 Energy Users programme	Feasibility Study - to undertake a feasibility study and integration design for geothermal steam to displace waste oil at the Recipient's Tasman site.	Crown Grant	\$40,000.00
2018	Energy Transition Accelerator	Energy Audit – detailed (type 2) energy audit of the Kinleith site focussing on the key thermal process	Crown Grant	\$20,000.00
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		focussing on key electrical systems		
2018	Energy Transition Accelerator	Energy Audit – detailed (type 2) energy audit of the Tasman site focussing on the key thermal process	Crown Grant	\$20,000.00
2018	Energy Transition Accelerator	Energy Audit - detailed (type 2) energy audit of the Tasman site focussing on the key electrical systems	Crown Grant	\$20,000.00
2018	Energy Transition Accelerator	Monitoring and Targeting – to install an energy monitoring system for the cardboard manufacturing site in Māngere	Crown Grant	\$25,000.00
2020	Energy Transition Accelerator	Two Opportunities Assessments - to undertake an opportunities assessment at the Kinleith and Tasman sites, and prepare a decarbonisation roadmap to implement projects towards reducing energy use and carbon emissions.	Crown Grant	\$48,500.00
	Total:			\$418,500.00

*Funding agreements signed on behalf of Carter Holt Harvey Paper & Pulp Ltd. prior to acquisition by Oji Fibre Ltd. – grants funded by EECA to Oji Fibre after acquisition.

On behalf of the Crown, EECA has provided \$53,400.00 (excluding GST) to Winstone Pulp International since 2004. See table below for a full breakdown of total Crown funding, form of funding, the purpose of the funding, and the originating fund.

Please note that we were unable to locate all requested information pertaining to the two energy audits conducted in 2005 and 2010.

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2022	Energy Transition Accelerator	Opportunities Assessment - to undertake an opportunities assessment at the Karioi Pulp Mill and prepare a decarbonisation roadmap to implement projects towards reducing energy use and carbon emissions.	Crown Grant	\$35,000.00
2005	-	Energy Audit – basic (type 1) energy audit conducted for the Karioi Pulp Mill	-	-
2010	-	Energy Audit – precision subsystem (type 3) energy audit conducted for the Karioi Pulp Mill	Crown Grant	\$18,400.00
Total:				\$53,400.00

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.

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Yours sincerely



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