WPQ 35103 (2026) Hon Damien O'Connor – What total area of land in hectares was approved for transfer to overseas ownership in each of the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years, broken down by farm land, land to be used for forestry, and residential land?

	2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		2024/25		2025/26	
Amount in hectares	**NET**	**GROSS**	**NET**	**GROSS**	**NET**	**GROSS**	**NET**	**GROSS**	**NET**	**GROSS**
Farm land	440	445	6,300	10,470	3,198	12,046	3,090	12,046	13,456	16,113
Farm-to-forest (benefit test)	N/A				9,730	10,091	10,713	10,713	1,233	1,577
Farm-to-forest (special forestry test)	16,094	16,161	20,273	23,726	5,631	5,631	N/A			
Existing forestry (special forestry test)	4,886	4,886	26,154	39,919	2,350	39,643	46,772	50,925	1,960	25,639
Existing forestry (production forestry pathway)	N/A								2,688	3,126
Residential land (non-personal use)	36	39	16	41	1	69	0	42	0	81

Please note the definitions for Gross and Net areas below:

Gross area represents the total land area proposed to be acquired under consents granted. The figure includes:

- land that is proposed to be acquired under the consent by overseas person from an existing overseas person. For example, if an entity being an overseas person acquires 10 hectares from existing overseas person, the full 10 hectares is shown; and
- land that is proposed to be acquired under the consent by New Zealand interests as well as overseas interests (for example, under a New Zealand/Australian joint venture). For example, if a company (being an overseas person) that is 50% New Zealand owned and 50% overseas owned acquires 10 hectares, the full 10 hectares is shown; and
- land that is owned by an entity where overseas persons acquire an interest in the entity. For example, if an overseas person acquires 10% of the shares in a company and that company owns 10 hectares of land, the full 10 hectares is shown.

Net area represents the total land area proposed to be transferred into foreign ownership under consents granted during the relevant period. For example, if a New Zealander sells 10 hectares to someone from overseas, the whole 10 hectares is shown. However, if the seller was a company that was 50% New Zealand owned and 50% foreign owned then only five hectares would show in that column. Five hectares represents the "net" change in foreign ownership of New Zealand land.