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Dear Nick Walker

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 3 March 2015 requesting the following;

- “A regional breakdown of the number of people who have been successfully prosecuted for exceeding paua limits each year for the last five years.
- The highest number of paua a person / people were caught with in each region, each year for the past five years.”

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) does not capture the specific information you have asked for by region.

The attached spreadsheet is released to you under the Official Information Act 1982 and sets out prosecutions for taking excess paua, by year from 2009 – 2015, by the court location of where prosecutions have taken place. We note on this table a count of conviction is recorded where one or more charges, in a prosecution for an individual offender, returned a conviction.

In regard to the second part of your request for the highest number of paua a person or people were caught with in each region over the last 5 years. This information is within the tabled data under the column titled “species” which refers to the number of paua taken, within each entry, recorded as “units”.

I trust this information satisfies your request.

Yours sincerely

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Dean Baigent  
Director Compliance Operation