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Dear Nick

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request dated 7 September 2016 for the following:

*DOC are responsible for the management of pests at Pukaha, Mount Bruce, Wairarapa.*

*It is not recorded in the 2015 restoration report the number of Brown Kiwi (conversely the estimated number of Kaka and Kakapo are recorded) that are at Pukaha.*

*Please provide the number of confirmed live Brown Kiwi, each year for the past five years.*

Although more kiwi would be present in the reserve, DOC can only confirm the presence of monitored kiwi. These are kiwi that have been fitted with transmitters.

2012	14 monitored kiwi
2013	12 monitored kiwi
2014	12 monitored kiwi
2015	10 monitored kiwi
2016	7 monitored kiwi

*A recent audit was conducted to determine the current confirmed number of live Brown Kiwi in Pukaha, can you please provide a copy of that audit report and its official findings.*

The Pukaha Mount Bruce Board conducted a kiwi survey in July this year. DOC staff led the team which included Pukaha staff, volunteers and DOC staff. DOC did not produce a report but confirms that seven kiwi pairs were heard in the reserve over two nights.

*The website identifies that in addition to 'Manukura' there are five other very rare white brown kiwi's at Pukaha, how many of these are still alive, and when was the last confirmed sighting of any of them?*

There are two known white kiwi at Pukaha. Both birds are in captivity.

*Can you please advise the amount of money that has been spent on pest control in the past 5 years.*

The following table shows DOC 's expenditure for pest control and the contributions made by DOC and Pukaha over the last five years.

Any additional costs paid by Pukaha are not known to DOC and cannot be reported on.

<b>Year Ending</b>	<b>Pukaha Contribution</b>	<b>DOC Contribution</b>	<b>TOTAL Expenditure</b>
30 June 2012	\$140,000	\$26,650	\$166,650
30 June 2013	\$140,000	\$26,650	\$166,650
30 June 2014	\$140,000	\$26,650	\$166,650
30 June 2015	\$140,000	\$26,650	\$166,650
30 June 2016	\$232,874	\$26,650	\$259,524

*Given the results of the above questions how has the success of pest control strategies been measured and reported.*

Result monitoring for the project includes rat, mustelid and possum monitoring. Kokako surveys have been conducted in 2010 and 2013. A kokako survey, run by Pukaha, is in progress currently. DOC trialled kiwi surveying techniques in 2015 and the first kiwi survey was conducted by Pukaha in July 2016.

DOC has provided monitoring results and monthly trap catch data to the Pukaha Mount Bruce Board in monthly reports.

I apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

Yours sincerely,



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