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Te Papa Atawhai

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Dear T. Benseman

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 6th October 2016, asking for all communications by the department of Conservation and all its staff between 1/1/2010 and 5/10/2016 relating to compensation for the poisoning of livestock by 1080 poison or sodium monofluoroacetate.

The department's standard operating procedures for 1080 pest control operations direct that any incidents involving stock deaths due to poisoning be reported to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The EPA annual reports of 1080 use from 2007 to 2015 have been searched for descriptions of incidents that may have led to the payment of compensation for stock deaths or for any note referring to compensation.

Only two incidents were found that included reference to the department; "Tumunui" August 2015 and "Orautoha" June 2013.

The Orautoha operation was a TBFree NZ site in the Ruapehu district. The notes relating to the incident states; "a 1080 operation area thought to have been fenced was not fenced and stock entered the area. DOC liaised with the landowner as the fence was their responsibility. DOC directed their staff to the location and stock identified within the operational block were destroyed."

The Tumunui incident refers to a private landowner operation in the Waikato, it does not appear that DOC was involved, beyond being the agency that received a complaint.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Kessick'.

Martin Kessick
Director National Operations