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Dear Mr Benseman

## **OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request of 29 November 2016, which you refined on 9 December 2016, for the following:

*Please provide tracking data of all radio tagged and location monitored kiwi under DOC care. Please provide the individual bird tracking files with the name or ID number of each bird, the name of the reserve or other land area they are and have been in, and the GPS history of locations of each bird from 1/1/2010 to 1/1/2011. Please provide this in PDF or JPEG form.*

Please find enclosed some of the information which you requested, plus the name of the species involved and the type of grid reference system being used.

Please note that for some locations the Department does not collect precise GPS information - for example, Riccarton Bush, a crèche within Christchurch, and Rona Island in Lake Te Anau. They are small enough to negate the need for GPS data. Grid references for Nationally Critical species have been truncated to within 1 km of the actual location, to protect the exact burrow location of these vulnerable species.

You will appreciate that once information is in the public arena the Department can no longer control who sees that information. For this reason the Department needs to take a consistent approach with regard to protecting such sensitive information. This is to prevent the risk of the disclosure of official information of that nature for improper gain or advantage (section 18(k) Official Information Act refers).

I do not see that my reason for withholding the information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

Also, unfortunately, the data that we have does not precisely fit the nature of your requests, as we only collect point data and not tracking data. For this reason your request for it is declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the data does not exist.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Carl McGuinness', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Carl McGuinness  
Director Operations Planning