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Dear Ms McKee

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUESTS

I refer to your official information request via email dated 17 May 2017 at 8.29pm, for the following:

1. *“What were the population numbers of rats, stoats, possums, weasles, moreporks, falcons, kingfishers, eels, and native frogs, prior to the 2013 aerial 1080 operations over Te Moehau? In addition, please include all pre-2013 data on the population numbers of the following species: Archey’s frog and Hochstetter’s frog, and all 4 species of geckos. Also the pre-2013 population numbers on the Moehau stag beetle.”*
2. *“What were the population numbers of rats, stoats, possums, weasles, moreporks, falcons, kingfishers, eels, and native frogs, after the 2013 aerial 1080 operations over Te Moehau? In addition, please include all post-2013 data on the population numbers of the following species: Archey’s frog and Hochstetter’s frog, and all 4 species of geckos. Also the post - 2013 population numbers on the Moehau stag beetle.”*
3. *“What was the interpretation by DoC on changes in population for each of these species from these two sets of data?”*

Please find attached the pre and post 2013 operation monitoring reports and trap catch records for Moehau. These reports are for possums, rodents and mustelids.

I regret that I am not able to provide you with some of the information you seek under sections 9(2)(g)(ii) and 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (as names have been removed to protect employees of the Department from improper pressure or harassment and as some of the information doesn’t exist for some species).

I refer to your official information request via email dated 17 May 2017 at 8.47pm for the following:

1. *“What specific evidence does DoC hold that is the basis for the decision to aeriually disperse 1080 baits over Moehau, Papakai, Otahu and Mataora Forests, Coromandel Peninsula in 2017?”*

I regret that I am not able to provide you with the information you seek for the reason

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stated under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act - that the information requested is publicly available. This information was published in the Hauraki Herald on 28 April 2017 and The Informer on 3 May 2017.

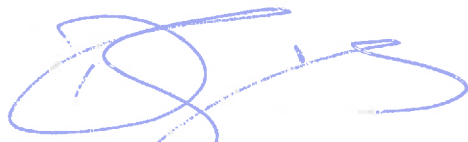
I refer to your official information request via email dated 17 May 2017 at 8.55pm for the following:

1. *“What specific evidence of public support, hapu support, marae support, local government support does the Department of Conservation have for the advertised 1080 aerial operations over Moehau, Papakai, Otahu and Mataora Forests in Coromandel Peninsula in 2017? Provide all documentation.”*

This request is declined under section 9(2)(ba)(ii) as the information requested is subject to an obligation of confidence and would be likely to otherwise to damage the public interest.

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

Yours sincerely



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