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Dear Lloyd

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 4 July 2018. You requested the following:

“the figures you have on record (since records of this nature began) for the number of verified Kiwi deaths in the Northland region. Specifically, I would like to know the number of Kiwi that were wearing tracking devices that have died, and what cause of death was attributed in each case. I am only interested in recorded deaths, not extrapolated figures nor assumptions”.

On 9th and 11th July you refined your request as follows:

- *What I would like to know are the causes of death of these tagged birds. (Eg. natural causes, cars, dogs, drowning, poisoning etc.)*
- *A 10-year timeframe would be absolutely fine.*

The following document falls within the scope of your request and is attached:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	18 July 2018	Transmitted kiwi deaths in Northland 2008-2018.	Released in full

As you can see, there were a significant number of birds for which the cause of death was unknown. This was mainly due to birds not being found soon enough after they had died, by which time deterioration of the body meant the cause of death could not be determined.

Yours sincerely,

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