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Dear T Benseman

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 16 February 2019.

Your request and our response is set out below.

1. *Please provide copies of attendance (numbers) records and all speech transcripts of East Cape meetings held at Maungaroa Marae on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and any other venues/dates past and planned in the east cape area discussing pest control.*

The information you have requested does not exist.

2. *For those meetings and the meetings planned on the cape for March 1, 2 and 3 2019, please provide maps of the areas where pest control is/was proposed and areas where it is ruled out near the coast to appease hunters on the fringes of Raukumara. Please also explain how the speakers were paid including all methods, monetary and non monetary.*

The information you have requested is not held by the Department of Conservation, and the Department does not know if this information exists. (The meeting you refer to was not organised by the Department.)

3. *Regarding huts in the Raukumara, please provide a list of the locations, annual past and planned expenditure per hut or in entirety if the former is not available. Please also provide an accounting of all tracking and roading costs for the Raukumara from 2012 to 2018 and any planned expenditure going forward.*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>
Mangatutara Hut	2029891-5791456	staff accommodation
Upper Ruatahunga hut	2030525-5784995	staff accommodation
Lower Ruatahunga hut	2032704-5778715	staff accommodation
Mangaotane hut	2018740-5772411	visitor hut
Mangakirikiri hut	2010763-5782381	visitor hut
Oronui hut	2039330-5795429	visitor hut

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Expenditure on huts and tracks within the Raukumara from 2012 to 2018 cannot be isolated from general expenditure due to budgets being combined for whole districts and the Raukumara being split across two regions. Major changes to operational boundaries, business planning processes and budget codes makes the data incomparable and unable to be confirmed as specific to the Raukumara.

The combined planned operational expenditure for the 19/20 financial year is as follows:

Raukumara huts: \$6000  
Raukumara track and roads: \$7500

Note that this excludes depreciation and personnel cost.

4. *Regarding wild cattle in the Raukumara "managed area" please provide the most recent locations you have as it states on your website here that cattle are present for hunting. <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/things-to-do/hunting/where-to-hunt/east-coast/gisborne-raukumara-hunting/where-to-hunt/raukumara-conservation-park/>*

The information you have requested does not exist.

Yours sincerely



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