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Claire Ogilwy
By email: fyi-request-12869-a3d06afd@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Claire,

**Official Information request**

I am responding on behalf of the University to your request for information, received on 23 May. I sought an extension to respond no later than the 6 July. Your request was for the following information:

*"I'm doing some research with regards to how Kiwis are accessing poisons from bait stations and request the following Official Information.*

*Can you please supply a copy of any document created, submitted, received or sent in relation to the Hawke's Bay Kiwi found dead on the road that tested positive for Pindone poison residues. Sample date is 19 October 2015.*

*Can you please confirm why Muscle was submitted as the sample type in order to test for both Pindone and Diphacinone poisons, and explain why Liver or Fat samples were not tested.*

*Can you also provide copies of Massey University Pathology Reports 37659, 37660, 37661 & 45768 and any document created, submitted, received or sent in relation to the Kiwis that tested positive for cyanide residues."*

The post mortem report 52673 for the kiwi is attached as requested.

It is usual to test liver for pindone, however In this case, the use of muscle is due to the request for toxicology testing coming after the post mortem examination had been completed. The liver was already fixed in formalin for histopathology. The pathologists were therefore only able to use muscle in this case.

Post mortem reports 37569 and 45768 are attached as requested. 37660 is a biopsy report for a private client and is therefore confidential. I can report it is from a captive primate, not from a kiwi and contains no toxicology. 37661 is a post mortem report on two little penguins and also contains no toxicology testing.

Please note that personally identifiable information has been redacted in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the Act.

I trust this is the information you require.

Yours faithfully

Jodie Banner
Director of Governance and Assurance