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Dear Mr Benseman

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 24 June 2020. You have asked for all emails, phone transcripts, photos, letters and meetings minutes between DOC and Beef + Lamb NZ and OSPRI NZ Ltd relating to 1080 poisoning of Kea between 1 January 2014 and 1 January 2015.

On 22 July 2020 we extended your request to 2 September 2020, as the consultations necessary to make a decision on the release of a large quantity of emails meant we required extra time. On 2 September we indicated we were finalising the documents for release. I apologise for the delay in providing these to you.

We have scoped this request in the context of earlier request clarifications in 2018, and the resulting narrowing of your request (18-E-0051) for correspondence between DOC staff and OSPRI staff mentioning 1080 and kea between 2010 and 2011. Emails we have identified as falling within scope of this request are attached to this response. Where attachments are in scope, these are listed with any applicable withholding grounds in the Appendices Table below. As we indicated on 2 September 2020, much of the material, such as phone transcripts, photos, or letters, you have requested does not exist and warrants a refusal under section 18(e).

Emails relevant to your request feature earlier research carried out in partnership with OSPRI. This research has led to a better understanding of how to minimise the risk to kea from pest control carried out in kea habitat. We are constantly working to improve our risk mitigation standards for kea, which are informed by our ongoing research programme. An overview of the most recent and relevant research to mitigating the risk of aerial application of 1080 is available in the current Kea Code of Practice (effective from 13 January 2020):

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/conservation/threats-and-impacts/pest-control/other-technical-documents/code-of-practice-aerial-1080-kea-habitat.pdf>

Please note not all attachments noted in the emails are in scope, and have therefore not been released to you. That is to say any documents not related to kea and 1080. Additionally, the 2014 operation referred to on pages 20, 21, and 22 did not proceed.

Finally, please note that information in scope of your request is from 2014 and will subsequently have been updated, such as the Draft Kea Code of Practice (Appendix 31) and Pesticide Review (Appendix 25), to include and reflect developments in science literature.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amber Bill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Amber Bill
Director Threats Biodiversity
for Director-General

Appendices Table

Document	Relevant Page	Title	Action
1	1	<i>Bait Improvement meeting minutes</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
2	1, 49	<i>Code of practice aerial 1080 kea habitat</i>	Released in full
3	2	<i>2.a. NPCA Minutes of Management Committee meeting</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
4	10	<i>Bait Improvement meeting minutes</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
5	12	<i>Media Release</i>	Release in full
6	23, 42, 251	<i>Pest efficacy of bird repellent at an aerial 1080 cereal operation</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
7	26	<i>Bird (Kea) Repellent Research</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
8	26	<i>Kea 1080 Bait Repellent Trial Literature Review</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
9	28	<i>The Effects of aerial 1080 on kea populations</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
10	35	<i>Proposal and field plan for exploratory aversion training study on kea with Anthraquinone and cinnamon</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
11	37, 268	<i>Kea repellent trial debrief and project wrap up</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
12	38, 257, 271	<i>Kea repellent project stakeholder meeting</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
13	45, 85, 263, 269	<i>Project stakeholder meeting</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)

14	45, 121, 269	<i>Stability of bird repellents and 1080 in RS5 cereal baits</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
15	45, 121	<i>Repellent Literature update</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
16	47, 12, 144	<i>Battle for our Birds Monitoring & Research Projects: Progress to date</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii), some information out of scope
17	47	<i>Battle for our birds monitoring</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
18	59	<i>West Coast & Tasman Aerial Blocks</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
19	73	<i>Agenda for consultation meeting—new standards for aerial 1080 in kea habitat</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
20	154	<i>Aerial 1080 Map – Waimea Kawhaka Initial consultation</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
21	166	<i>Summary of kea research</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
22	167, 244	<i>Review of potential kea repellents</i>	Final version available online: https://newzealandecology.org/nzje/3245.pdf
23	200	<i>Sodium fluoroacetate Pesticide Information Review</i>	Released in full
24	208	<i>DOC code of practice for aerial 1080 in kea habitat</i>	Released in full
25	222	<i>Developing an alpine biodiversity research programme: a review of issues and management solutions</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
26	239	<i>Image – Kahurangi kea</i>	Released in full
27	239	<i>Image – Kahurangi kea</i>	Released in full

28	246	<i>Comments on Project R-80719-03, Pest efficacy of bird repellent at an aerial 1080 cereal operation</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
29	247	<i>Mokihinui Aerial possum control Spring 2014 – Fact Sheet</i>	Released in full
30	253	<i>Recommended next steps in repellent research (from Kea repellent wrap up meeting 230714)</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
31	259, 274	<i>DRAFT - DOC code of practice for aerial 1080 in kea habitat</i>	Released in full
32	144	<i>Aerial 1080 Map - Waimea Kawhaka Rat Monitoring</i>	Released in part – information withheld under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)
33	For reference	<i>1080 Pesticide Review 2020</i>	Released in full

I note that the attachment on page 16 is available online here doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/science-and-technical/drds344entire.pdf.