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Dear Simon

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request dated 18 August 2014 for the following:

Information on the amount of vandalism that occurs to DOC's huts, in particular a tally of the recorded instances of vandalism to DOC's huts, grouped by region, over the 6 month period of January 2014 up to, and including, June 2014.

I regret that I am not able to provide you with the information you seek. This is because the information you request does not exist or is not held (sections 18 (e) and (g) Official Information Act).

Although Department of Conservation (DOC) staff record all maintenance and remedial work related to the visitor facilities DOC manages, the reason for this work being necessary is not recorded. This means that it is impossible to identify the work undertaken in response to acts of vandalism from wider maintenance and servicing work recorded in DOC's asset management database.

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.

Mike Edginton

Director

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for Director-General