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9 September 2016

Graham Carter
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Dear Graham

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request 19 August 2016 for the following:

1. Request copies of all information, correspondence, emails, reports and notes regarding communications between the former DOC Taupo area manager Kim Turia and Tuwharetoa.

On 5 September 2016, Peter Shepherd- Community Ranger – Taupo Fishery District, on behalf of the Department of Conservation, contacted you by phone requesting you specify the term ‘Tuwharetoa’. Due to the broad nature of such a request and the fact that Ngati Tuwharetoa identify a number of entities within the tribe, with differing roles, it is important that we are clear about the requested information you seek.

It was acknowledged that the Tuwharetoa Hapu Forum is the likely entity as your specified request is related to, the Department of Conservation’s use of the Tongariro National Trout Centre to breed mature trout for local maori.

A further email, dated 5 September 2016 was received from you identifying the Tuwharetoa Hapu Forum.

The department wish to inform you that there is no correspondence, emails, reports, notes or other related information held by the Department of Conservation between Kim Turia, in her role as the Taupo Operation Services manager, and the Tuwharetoa Hapu Forum, relating to, the use of the Tongariro National Trout Centre to breed mature trout for Ngati Tuwharetoa and/or associated hapu.

2. Request all copies of all information, correspondence, emails, reports and notes regarding communications between the Minister of Conservation and the former DoC Taupo area manager Kim Turia, regarding the Tongariro National Trout Centre.

The department wish to inform you that there is no correspondence, emails, reports, notes or other related information held by the Department of Conservation between Kim Turia, in her role as the Taupo Operations Services manager and the Minister of Conservation regarding the Tongariro National Trout Centre.



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The relationship between the Minister of Conservation and staff of the Department of Conservation is held at a different level than that which Kim Turia held as the Operations Services Manager.

3. Request all copies of all information, correspondence, emails, reports and notes regarding communications between the Minister of Conservation and the former DoC Taupo area manager Kim Turia regarding Tuwharetoa.

The department wish to inform you that there is no correspondence, emails, reports, notes or other related information held by the Department of Conservation between Kim Turia, in her role as the Taupo Operations Services manager and the Minister of Conservation regarding Ngati Tuwharetoa. Again the relationship between the Minister of Conservation and staff of the Department of Conservation is held at a different level than that which Kim Turia held as the Operations Services Manager.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Meirene Hardy-Birch".

Meirene Hardy-Birch
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