



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

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Graham Carter

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Dear Mr Carter

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 5 July 2018. You requested the following:

“Has the MPI or DoC carried out a mathematical correlation exercise comparing 1080 drops with PTA-affected areas? If so can we have a copy of the tests?”

Neither DOC nor MPI undertake any mathematical correlations between these two programmes as the drivers are quite different, therefore your request has been refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

For your information the mammalian predators (e.g. rats and possums) most frequently targeted in 1080 operations are not considered to be principal vectors of PTA. Protocols for PTA areas are based on minimising soil movement. Therefore, rather than looking at mathematical correlations the key overlap between these operations is the additional considerations that staff undertaking pest control operations need to take into account when working in a PTA area. To the extent that any 1080 operations occur in a PTA area additional hygiene protocols and practices regarding minimising soil movement by people or machinery must be followed.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Aikman'.

Hilary Aikman
Director National Operations