Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

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Dear Mr Benseman

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 3 February 2019. Your questions and our responses are listed below:

Regarding the Native Kiwi that the NZ Department of Conservation staff have poisoned to death on 11th May 2005, 16 March 2005, 24th July 2008, 5th August 1996, 17th March 1998, 28th May 1998, 19th August 1998, 3rd June 1999, 25th June 1999, 29th June 1999, 24th August 2000, 23 Nov 2001:

To enable us to respond to your questions with regard to the specific incidents you refer to above, we would need some more detailed information about these alleged kiwi deaths.

I note that the most recent of these alleged deaths occurred more than 10 years ago. You have provided exact dates for the alleged deaths, so presumably have some detailed report or other information describing the location where the incident occurred or who the incident was reported to. This information might allow us to check our records for any information relevant to your claims.

Regarding your request for *"the comprehensive list of all Native Kiwi that your organisation has killed with toxins, vehicles and ALL other means"*:

For your reference, a comprehensive list of all deaths of radio tracked kiwi on any project managed by the department since the start of 2016 is summarised in Appendix 1 (Table 1).

You will note that one kiwi was killed as a result of a handling error by DOC staff. This incident has already been reported in a previous OIA response; https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/about-doc/oia/2018/oia-18-e-0042-response.pdf

No kiwi were killed by toxins. Two kiwi were killed by vehicles, however neither of these vehicles were operated by DOC staff.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the department's website.

Yours sincerely

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