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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 19 November 2018. You requested the following:

Can you please forward to me the full copy of the following report as I haven't been able to find it in your resource files online.

Rhodes M, Elliot G, Kemp J 2008. Parakeet nesting success with and without predator control in the Hurunui Valley, North Canterbury. Unpublished report DOCDM-384475. Department of Conservation. 16 p.

Please provide copies of all field notebooks in relation to this study.

Please provide all photos of dead birds found and of eggs studied.

Also, does Landcare do all of your testing for poison residues?

and if not who are the other testing providers?

and what were all the sample results and who by?

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *Please provide a full copy of Rhodes M, Elliot G, Kemp J (2008).*

The copy is attached as a pdf.

2. *Please provide copies of all field notebooks in relation to this study.*
3. *Please provide all photos of dead birds found and of eggs studied*

You have requested field notebooks and photos from research carried out over a decade ago. I regret that I am not able to provide you with the information you seek, as notebooks and photos no longer exist. Therefore, I need to decline your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act.

I have borne in mind section 18B of the Official Information Act in response to questions 2 and 3 but concluded that use of that provision would not assist in this case.

4. *Does Landcare do all of your testing for poison residues and if not who are the other testing providers?*

The Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research Toxicology Laboratory does most of the department's residue testing. Other laboratories sometimes used are AsureQuality Lab, Canterbury Health Laboratories and Cawthron Institute.

5. *What were all the sample results and who by?*

The testing was carried out by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research Toxicology Laboratory. The results are recorded in the report you requested, which is attached:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	2008	Rhodes M, Elliot G, Kemp J 2008. Parakeet nesting success with and without predator control in the Hurunui Valley, North Canterbury. Unpublished report DOCDM-384475. Department of Conservation.	Released in full

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.

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

Yours sincerely



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