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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your Official Information Request dated 15 August 2017 for the following:

RE: 06.04.2017 Article - I'd like access to the following mentioned study.

Minister Maggie Barry has released the results of a five-year study which shows vulnerable native birds have been breeding at much higher rates in areas where 1080 is used.

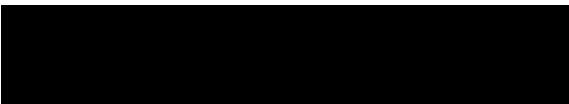
The Minister of Conservation's press release was prepared from the results of analysis undertaken as part of the preparation of a scientific paper describing the study and its findings. The paper will be completed and submitted for publication within the next few months after which the Department will be able to provide you with a copy.

For your information, I attach a copy of the data supplied to the Minister of Conservation titled *Kaka nesting success and 1080 operations*.

The kaka study was part of a much larger study involving a range of species to which kaka were added after the study had been running about 6 months. Kaka are not in the original proposal documents which are attached to show the background to the study: *Cost Benefits of Aerial 1080 for Forest Bids in South Westland* and the findings are shown in *Kaka and 1080: Preliminary Results* also attached.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to the Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely



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