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24 July 2019

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Dear s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 30 June. You requested the following:

*Kea Pathology Results:*

*Can you please provide copies of all the field notes, pathology, toxicology and DNA reports in relation to the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Battle for our Birds Operation 8/11 - 8/12/14.*

We have attached the toxicology and pathology reports we hold for the one kea that died during this operation. These are released subject to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Field notes from the operation (which was five years ago) no longer exist. Also, the department had no reason to request DNA reports, therefore these two elements of your request are refused under section 18 (e) of the OIA - the information does not exist.

However, the field notes were used to inform the Operation Report, which is publicly available on the Environmental Protection Agency website:

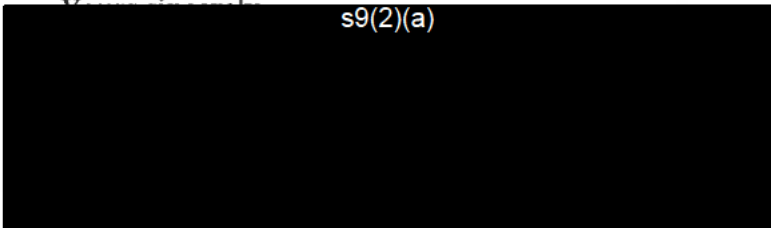
[www.epa.govt.nz/resources-and-publications/1080-aerial-operators-reports?tag=&filter=20&start=70](http://www.epa.govt.nz/resources-and-publications/1080-aerial-operators-reports?tag=&filter=20&start=70).

For your further information, we can confirm that the kea who died in this operation was an adult female named Ceejay. The events around the discovery of Ceejay's death were recorded in an email exchange that we are releasing to you, subject to the redaction of contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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 OIA.

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

Yours sincerely,  
s9(2)(a)

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Hilary Aikman  
Director, National Operations  
for Director-General