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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 27 June 2025, in which you asked for details regarding flight information and conditions relating to the 1080 operation on Rakiura.

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. For each and every day that aircraft activity has taken place to aurally spread non-toxic or toxic bait:

a) Full and complete GPS flight charts for each aircraft used in the operation showing where they have worked.

Please see **Attachment One**.

b) The dates, times, temperature, wind speed and rainfall over the duration of time that each aircraft has flown.

Please see **Attachment One**.

2. We request this information within 48 hours completion of each operational event.

Please note that up to date information about 1080 bait application within Rakiura National Park is publicly available on demand at this website: [Pesticide summaries: Animal pests](#). The Pesticide Summary is a regularly updated record of all toxin use on public conservation lands. It includes maps showing where pesticides including 1080 have been laid, or will be laid, on public conservation land anywhere in New Zealand. The website is updated every 24 hours.

Regarding the information you have requested, this is shared in line with the statutory timeframes defined by the Official Information Act 1982.

*3. We also request this information for Prefeed ! - that took place **from** 16th June 2025 and the pre-feed taking place **from** today 27th June 2025, along with all further non-toxic and toxic aerial applications on Rakiura.*

Please see **Attachment One**. Please note this includes prefeed applications up until the date of your request (27 June 2025). Further requests for information made (OIA-5443 and OIA-5459) will include flight data information after the 27th June 2025.

4. We also request clarification on the protocol for the wind speeds that aircraft are allowed to fly when spreading bait in order to ensure accuracy of spread and in particular to stop contamination with coastal environments?”

DOC's protocols for managing bait application from aircraft are attached for your reference. Regarding windspeed, please refer to the “Managing sowing rates during the operation” section on page 5, and the “Wind and other effects on bait distribution” section on page 6 of the document “Guidelines for aerial 1080 baiting #2”, as well as point 24, on page 5 of the “Method Best practice for National Predator Control Programme Aerial 1080 baiting”. Please note that I have redacted individual names for preventing undue pressure on officials, under section 9(2)(g)(ii) – to protect Ministers, officials, or employees from improper pressure or harassment.

Item	Document description	Decision
1	Flight Data and Weather Conditions – 16, 17 and 27 June 2025	Released in full
2	Method Best practice for National Predator Control Programme Aerial 1080 baiting	Released in part
3	Guidelines for aerial 1080 baiting #2	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 OIA.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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