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Dear Joshua McArthur

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 31 October 2019. You requested the following: - *Register of assets (orange tags found on DOC-managed structures)*

1. *Data on the location and type of DOC assets i.e. any structure tagged with an orange plastic tag containing a reference number*
2. *Any other metadata available for DOC assets - in particular structures such as stairs, bridges, and buildings (huts).*
3. *That this dataset be provided to data.govt.nz for others to use, particularly if the information held is geospatially referenced.*

1. Data on location and type of DOC assets i.e. any structure with an orange plastic tag containing a reference number

The Department uses orange and green tags to identify the visitor related assets that you have referenced. The attached spreadsheet includes all the visitor assets (past and present), that DOC manages. This spreadsheet is a subset of the data that DOC holds for all visitor related assets. There are 80 characteristics for each asset in the database, and thousands of condition and quality assessment fields.

2. Any other metadata available for DOC assets - in particular structures such as stairs, bridges, and buildings (huts).

The metadata for the assets included in the spreadsheet is listed below. I have used the following definition for metadata, "a set of data that describes and gives information about other data". As noted, there are 80 characteristics for each asset in the database, and thousands of condition and quality assessment fields. The metadata for these attributes have not been included. Should you require them, please contact the Director Operations Planning (details below).

- a. Equipment – this is the system number assigned to every equipment (asset) that has been installed or removed (uninstalled) since DOC started managing its assets in an asset management system
- b. Equip. Description – is the name given to the asset
- c. Start Grid Ref (E,N) – is the location of the asset
- d. End Grid Ref (E,N) – is the location of the end of a track asset
- e. Region – is the DOC Region in which the asset is located
- f. Functional Location – is the name of the site on which asset is located
- g. Destination – is the name given to a group of functional locations. It is used to define the standard of the services at that site
- h. Equipment Status – is the current status of the asset. Where the asset no longer exists, the status is 'removed'.
- i. Tech ID – is the number on the Orange or Green tag found in the field

- j. Equipment Category – is the class of asset
 - k. Equipment Type – is the subclass or asset type
 - l. Construction type – is the predominant construction material
 - m. Class type of Object – is used to provide more detail of the Equipment Type
 - n. Known Build Date – is the date (if known) that the asset was constructed/installed. The default setting is the first day of the month that the asset was installed. No date indicates that there was no recorded built date prior to 1996
3. That this dataset be provided to data.govt.nz for others to use, particularly if the information held is geospatially referenced.

The Department is not presently in a position to provide the dataset to data.govt.nz for others to use.

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are attached:

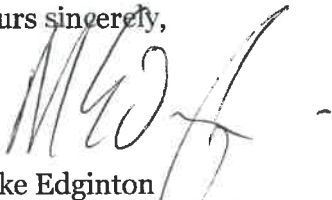
Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	26 November 2019	DOC-6138356 OIA request for visitor asset data	Released in full

The Department is subject to an obligation of confidence concerning the release of the information you have sought (section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 refers) but the Department is of the view that the public interest (including open government and the right of the public to be informed) outweighs any obligation of confidence to withhold it.

The Department advises that the making available of, or the giving or access to, this information should not be taken, for the purposes of the law of breach of confidence, to constitute an authorisation or approval of the publication of all or any of the information by you: section 48(2) of the Official Information Act refers.

If you wish to discuss the matters referred to in the answer to the 2nd request above with the Department, please contact Darryl Lew, Director Operations Planning by email dlew@doc.govt.nz or myself medginton@doc.govt.nz

Yours sincerely,



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