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Ref: PMO 281-2019

Dear T. Benseman

Official Information Act request relating to measuring water quality standards and pollutants and pest control methods

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 12 December 2019. You requested:

"What progress have you made on the following coalition agreement environmental goals which you signed with NZFirst? Regarding your pledge to gain "higher water quality standards for urban and rural using measurements which take into account seasonal differences."

Has there been any thoughts or actions by you into reducing the two major pollutants - petrochemical urea and sodium fluoroacetate, which has the rather disgusting habit of littering our rivers with dead rotting animals and is also very cruel, taking up to 120 hours to kill pigs, during which time they vomit 13.6 times on average before death. Native Kea, thankfully, only take 30 hours to die from the same substance.

And regarding "piloting alternatives to 1080" which you also signed up to in the agreement, what have you actually done with this?"

This office does not hold information relating to your request. I believe that the first part of your request for information relating to measuring water quality standards is held by the Minister for the Environment, Hon David Parker. I believe that the second part of your request for information relating to river pollutants and pest control methods is held by the Minister of Conservation, Hon Eugenie Sage.

Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(i) of the Act to transfer your request to the Minister for the Environment and to the Minister of Conservation respectively for a response.

The Ministers have 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff