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Dear Edward Grove

Thank you for your email of 16 April 2021 requesting information relating to the second-rotation of Radiata Pine. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

Please provide copies of all documentation held by you or your predecessor in relation to the extent of, and any practical difficulties expected or found to arise from, the decrease in average timber quality and the emergence of atypical timber qualities upon the harvesting of the second-rotation (aka "new-crop") Radiata Pine from 1988 onwards.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) does not hold information relating to the harvest of the second-rotation Radiata Pine as you have described in your request, nor do we believe the information is held by another department. Consequently, your request has been refused under section 18(g) of the OIA.

MPI advises contacting Archives New Zealand or The National Library regarding your request. You may contact the former at <https://archives.govt.nz/>, and the latter at <https://natlib.govt.nz/search>. Due to the timeframe you have specified in your request, the information may have been held by the disestablished Ministry of Forestry (1998), and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (2012).

Alternatively, you may also like to request digital or hard copies on the mechanical properties of Radiata Pine via the Scion Digital Library: <https://cdm20044.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/>.

I trust the above information is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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