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Tēnā koe Alyssa

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 12 November 2021 in which you asked for:

- 1. A breakdown of all reports received by DOC regarding drone use and the outcome of investigation conducted by DOC for each case (warning, infringement (incl. the amount in \$), prosecution, etc) for the last 2 years. Please provide this in excel format.*
- 2. Copies of any internal documents or legal framework used by DOC staff in determining the penalty for offences to ensure it is fair and proportionate.*
- 3. With regard to the monetary fees collected by DOC, please explain where this money is going towards.*

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. A breakdown of all reports received by DOC regarding drone use and the outcome of investigation conducted by DOC for each case (warning, infringement (incl. the amount in \$), prosecution, etc) for the last 2 years. Please provide this in excel format.

The Department started to centrally collect data on offending on conservation land from July 2020. A spreadsheet recording the numbers of reports of illegal drone use, along with the outcome of each file, from 1 July 2020 to the current date is attached to this letter as **Appendix A**.

2. Copies of any internal documents or legal framework used by DOC staff in determining the penalty for offences to ensure it is fair and proportionate.

The level of infringement fees for offending against conservation legislation was set by Parliament in 2019 through the Conservation (Infringement Offences) Regulations. This means the size of the fee for offending against conservation legislation is set by Parliament,



not by the Department of Conservation. The regulations are available online at the following link: [Conservation \(Infringement Offences\) Regulations 2019](#)

3. With regard to the monetary fees collected by DOC, please explain where this money is going towards.

The money received as payment for infringement fees is collected by DOC and passed on to Treasury for the Government's consolidated fund. The Department has no direct say in how money collected through infringement fees is spent.

Please note this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Aikman'.

Hilary Aikman
Director Operations Issues and Programmes
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Appendix A



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Code	Offence Date / Time	Location District	Outcome
CLE-150	5/10/2020 9:58	Auckland Tamaki/Makaurau - Auckland	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-160	6/10/2020 13:28	Tongariro	No further action - Referred to another agency
CLE-247	3/11/2020 8:24	Tongariro	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-270	6/11/2020 11:31	Hawkes Bay - Hastings	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-355	25/11/2020 9:06	King Country - Te Kuiti	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-432	6/12/2020 13:44	New Plymouth	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-500	17/12/2020 15:17	Tongariro	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-510	19/12/2020 14:41	Nelson Lakes	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-543	29/12/2020 12:37	Motueka	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-562	6/01/2021 14:35	Nelson Lakes - Saint Arnaud	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-568	6/01/2021 14:58	Nelson Lakes - Saint Arnaud	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-582	8/01/2021 10:54	Bay of Islands	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-583	8/01/2021 11:10	Nelson Lakes	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-587	8/01/2021 13:56	Wellington	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-594	9/01/2021 16:17	Te Anau	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-638	13/01/2021 8:53	Bay of Islands	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-691	19/01/2021 15:28	Nelson Lakes	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-721	26/01/2021 15:37	Whangarei	No further action
CLE-756	30/01/2021 14:46	Wakatipu	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-800	10/02/2021 13:24	North Canterbury	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-942	11/03/2021 8:44	Tauranga - Waihi	Warning Letter Issued
CLE-1136	23/04/2021 14:10	Greymouth - Moana	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-1251	24/05/2021 10:33	Central Otago	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-1322	9/06/2021 10:07	Rakiura	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-1368	28/06/2021 10:20	Mahaanui	No further action
CLE-1434	12/07/2021 14:32	Wakatipu - Queenstown	Still Under Investigation
CLE-1449	15/07/2021 10:48	Tauranga - Tauranga	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-1531	12/08/2021 16:14	Nelson Lakes - Saint Arnaud	No further action - Insufficient evidence
CLE-1565	18/08/2021 13:25	Auckland Inner Islands - Auckland	Warning Letter Issued



CLE-1569	19/08/2021 14:29	Wakatipu	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-1580	24/08/2021 8:47	Auckland Tamaki/Makaurau - Auckland	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-1586	26/08/2021 14:02	New Plymouth - Waitara	Warning Letter Issued
CLE-1741	20/09/2021 14:45	Tongariro - National Park	Infringement Notice Issued (\$800)
CLE-1926	12/10/2021 12:49	Tongariro - National Park	Still Under Investigation
CLE-2117	10/11/2021 13:37	Tauranga - Tauranga	No further action - Advocacy
CLE-2119	10/11/2021 16:05	Aoraki Mt Cook	Still Under Investigation
CLE-2185	19/11/2021 16:03	Auckland Inner Islands - Auckland	No further action - Advocacy