


26 September 2024



Tēnā koe 

Tranche two

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 27 June 2024, regarding the relocation of two kākā from Te Anau Bird Sanctuary to the Dunedin Botanic Gardens aviary. These two kākā, Jimmy and Charlie, are part of DOC's South Island Kākā Breed for Release programme. Jimmy moved from Te Anau in June 2023 and Charlie in June 2024.

On 17 July you refined your request. The following is your original request with refinements noted:

*I am requesting the following information from the Department of Conservation (DoC) regarding the relocations of a male kaka named 'Jimmy' and a female kaka named 'Charlie Girl' from Te Anau Bird Sanctuary to the Dunedin Botanical Gardens Aviary:*

- 1. All communications, emails, meeting minutes, and messages regarding the male kaka named Jimmy and the female kaka named Charlie Girl from the past ~~two years~~ (one year);*
- 2. All communications and plans for the movement of ~~other South Island kaka~~ (Jimmy and Charlie) from the Te Anau Sanctuary to other locations over the past ~~two years~~ (year), including plans for future movement;*
- 3. All medical records for Charlie Girl and Jimmy that DoC holds for the last ~~two years~~ (year), including those of the Dunedin Botanic Garden Aviary. This should include all communications, emails, meeting minutes, and messages regarding medical findings, treatments, and health plans from third-party veterinary clinics, and recent records since Charlie Girl's move from the Te Anau Bird Sanctuary to Dunedin; and*
- 4. All keeper notes that DoC holds for Jimmy and Charlie Girl that have been generated since they arrived in Dunedin.*

On 24 July we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to 16 August due to both the large quantity of information and the consultation necessary. On 16 August we wrote to you to say that I had decided to release this information to you but needed more time to prepare the documents for release, and on 13 September I released three videos of Jimmy to you as items 1-3.

Please now find the following documents attached:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
4	27 June 2023 – 27 June 2024	Captive kaka programme emails	Released in part
5	27 June 2023 – 27 June 2024	Biodiversity leadership team emails	Released in part

One further document will be provided as tranche three next week:

6	27 June 2023 – 27 June 2024	Bird sanctuary staff emails	Released in part
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I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal details, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,
- commercially sensitive information, under section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information,
- information subject to an obligation of confidence, under section 9(2)(ba)(i) - where release would likely prejudice the supply of similar information
- free and frank expression under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs, and
- details under section 9(2)(g)(ii) to protect members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment

You will see email conversations referencing an internal DOC 'Speak Up' process. However, all emails to and from the Speak Up advisor have been withheld in full under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of staff members and the confidentiality of the Speak Up process.

### A note on 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii)

You may see inconsistency in the redaction codes noted in the pdfs for names and contact details being withheld under either 9(2)(a) or 9(2)(g)(ii). Rather than going through the lengthy administrative task of correcting these, and further delaying providing you with the information, please instead note that 9(2)(a) is used for those people who are not public servants or council staff, cell phone numbers of any person, any personal email addresses, and any other personal information such as that relating to annual leave, sickness etc.

9(2)(g)(ii) is used to withhold additional names and contact details because of the improper pressure and harassment DOC and other staff currently perceive as a likely risk in relation to these captive kākā. My name, and the names of other Directors and Deputy Director-Generals remain revealed.

In making my decision to withhold information, I have considered section 9(1) of the Official Information Act and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding. 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 Official Information Act.

### Other administrative matters and concluding remarks

Please also note the following when reading through the material:

- Material is provided for 27 June 2023 to 27 June 2024; that is for the year immediately preceding the date of your OIA request.
- Some administrative highlighting remains in the pdfs; kindly ignore these.
- You may see some overlapping redactions where details in an email were withheld, and then later the whole email was either withheld in full or deemed to be out of scope. The redaction code in the top left-hand side is the correct one.
- Some information relating to other kākā, and other species, has been redacted as out of scope of your request.
- While the attachments have *largely* been grouped by team, it is not necessarily a complete record by team. E.g. some bird sanctuary staff emails are missing from that attachment but are included in the Biodiversity Leadership Team attachment.
- The attachments to emails are not necessarily inserted next to that email. They largely can be found at the end of the PDFs.

I will write to you again next week and supply a 'tranche three'.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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