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Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 6 November 2018.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *The number of kiwi hatched at Pukaha Mt Bruce each year since 2003.*

YEAR	EGGS HATCHED	YEAR	EGGS HATCHED
2018	4	2010	9
2017	6	2009	1
2016	2	2008	3
2015	4	2007	2
2014	14	2006	2
2013	14	2005	2
2012	22	2004	0
2011	20	2003	0

2. *The number of kiwi translocated to Pukaha Mt Bruce from other parts of NZ each year since 2003.*

YEAR	NUMBER of KIWI INTRODUCED
2003	3
2004	1
2006	2
2007	1
2009	3
2010	30

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3. *The number of kiwi released into the Pukaha Forest each year since 2003.*

YEAR	KIWI RELEASED	YEAR	KIWI RELEASED
2018	2	2010	30
2017	7	2009	6
2016	3	2008	3
2015	7	2007	2
2014	9	2006	2
2013	19	2004	1
2012	11	2003	3
2011	15		

4. *The current number of kiwi in the fenced enclosure and in the kiwi house at Pukaha.*

There are ten kiwi in captivity at present. Four chicks in the kiwi nursery, four adult kiwi in enclosures and two adult kiwi in the nocturnal house.

5. *The current number of monitored & unmonitored kiwi in the Pukaha Forest.*

Seven wild kiwi are being monitored currently. The number of un-monitored kiwi is estimated to be approximately twenty birds.

6. *The number of kiwi laying eggs (or expected to lay eggs) at Pukaha Mt Bruce this season.*

This is difficult to answer definitively as all birds are not monitored. It is estimated that eggs will be produced by two females this year as two of the monitored birds have been nesting.

7. *What, if anything, DOC and the Horizons & Greater Wellington Regional Councils are doing to address the chronic rabbit infestation in the buffer zone surrounding Pukaha Mt Bruce and in the Pukaha Forest itself.*

Rabbit numbers dropped to low levels during the 2017 winter but have come back strongly this spring.

Some monitoring and shooting has been done to gauge what impact can be had on the population at key sites with this method. On one property a team of shooters has removed 14,000 rabbits over the past two and a half years. On another property 3000 rabbits have been removed over the same time frame. Rabbit control is also occurring in the Reserve.

8. *If DOC has a deadline of when it expects Pukaha Mt Bruce to meet its goal of a self-sustaining population of kiwi at Pukaha Mt Bruce. If so, when. If not, why not?*

The Pukaha Mount Bruce Board has a strategic goal of achieving a 65% survival rate of monitored kiwi chicks for six months past release by 2035. DOC is working with and supporting the Board to achieve their strategic goal.

Naku noa, na


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