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**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST:**

I refer to your official information request of 22 April 2014, requesting the following information:

1. The volume of swamp kauri (whole or sawn), including stumps that has been exported overseas since January 2009;
2. The destination countries of swamp kauri (whole or sawn), including stumps that have been exported overseas since January 2009;
3. How many times have the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) issued warning or investigated alleged breaches of the Forests Act;
4. The number of prosecutions that have occurred for breaching laws around kauri extraction, sales or exports; and
5. The number of milling statements and export permits that have been issued by MPI in the last 12 months.

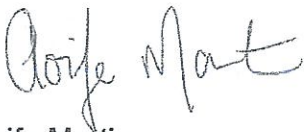
The following information is provided in response to the above queries. Please note, as this information has generally been extracted from MPI's Indigenous Forestry Database, there are no documents accompanying this OIA response.

- Since January 2009, MPI have been notified of the export of 4258m<sup>3</sup> of swamp kauri. This includes stump and root material, and finished product.
- Swamp kauri products have been exported to Australia, Canada, China, England, Fiji, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Korea, Netherlands, Spain, Taiwan, UK, USA, and Vietnam.
- MPI regulates the export and milling of swamp kauri under the Forests Act 1949, but does not have jurisdiction to regulate its extraction which is regulated under the Resource Management Act.

- There have been two compliance investigations in the swamp kauri sector. The first focused on the illegal export of swamp kauri and the second investigated the source of swamp kauri for milling. Both investigations concluded that there was no offence under the Forests Act 1949 therefore neither investigation resulted in a prosecution. These investigations are in addition the regular monitoring and auditing work that the Ministry completes which includes sawmill and container loading site inspections.
- MPI may issue letters outlining legislative responsibilities for minor or inadvertent breaches of the Forestry Act however this has not been required for matters relating to the milling or export of swamp kauri.
- MPI has approved 63 export consignments of swamp kauri product over the last 12 months. Over the same period MPI has issued 26 milling statements for swamp kauri.

I trust that this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely



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