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REF: IR-01-19-14308

Dear Christopher

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 request around cannabis offences. Specifically you asked:

*“Could you please tell me the total cost of enforcing, prosecution and incarceration of cannabis offences?”*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 and I am unable to provide this information to you as Police do not hold data on the cost of enforcement, prosecution, or incarceration of cannabis offences.

Section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 provides grounds for requests of this type to be refused.

You have the right, under section 28 (3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

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