

10 October 2013

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Dear D and L

I refer to your email of 2 October 2013 in which you requested

Any official information, investigation reports, statements made or taken by the NZ Police in the investigation of the brutal murder of Johnsonville Singer, Matthew Hall in February 2011.

You have advised that you and your partner are both born and raised New Zealand citizens.

I am advised that the death of Mr Hall is currently before the Coroner. Your request is therefore refused under section 6(c) of the Official Information Act 2013 as the making available of the information is likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.

If you wish to request this information later, please be aware that some or all of the information may be withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased natural persons, unless you can demonstrate that the withholding of the information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman in writing to seek an investigation and review of my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

Teresa McMahon Ministerial Services