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Dear Mr Bascand

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982

I refer to your official information request of 21 March 2014 for:

- A list of the independent processors that currently receive raw milk from Fonterra under the Dairy Industry Restructuring Act 2001; and
- The historic volumes supplied under the Dairy Industry Restructuring Act 2001 to the respective independent processors.

The information you have requested is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 because making this information available would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the persons who are the subject of the information. The Ministry is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

We have enclosed additional information that was not covered by the request, but which we think you may be interested in. Below is the aggregated total volume of raw milk that all independent processors received under the Dairy Industry Restructuring Act 2001 for each season between 2008 and 2013. We have not yet received information on the current 2013/14 season from Fonterra so we cannot release information about the current season.

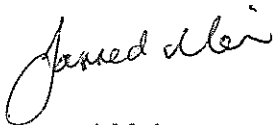
Total volumes of raw milk received by independent processors per season

2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
441,471,926	462,095,800	504,871,825	533,135,426	491,730,742

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to request that an Ombudsman investigate and review this decision to withhold information. A request must be made in writing to:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10 152
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jarred Mair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jarred Mair
Director Sector Policy