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Dear Mr McCashin

Official Information Act 1982 request – Sudden Deaths and Heart Conditions in Athletes

This letter responds to your supplementary Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received by Sport New Zealand on 4 February 2022. Your original request was received by Sport New Zealand on 20 December 2021 and was responded to on 8 February 2022.

You have since requesting the following clarification and information:

- *“Please provide for all sports categories as it appears this isn’t limited to physical sports and*
- *I want to know if a person died of a sudden cardiac event whilst competing broken down into amateur and professional sports”.*

The request for clarification and further information asks for information which Sport NZ does not hold. To clarify, Sport NZ does not hold any information on the number of people who have died during amateur or professional sports games or events, nor information on their causes of death.

For this reason, Sport NZ declines your further request under section 18(g) of the Act, which states:

that the information requested is not held by the department or venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either—

- (i) held by another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or*
- (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.*

The Government Agency most likely to hold this information is the Ministry of Justice, whose Coronial Services Unit may hold the information. As you are aware, your original OIA request from 20 December 2021 was partially transferred to the Ministry of Justice.

Please note that if you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA.

Yours sincerely



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