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Dear Ms Eagan

Thank you for your email of 29 July 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Provide copies of all communications from the Principal Health Advisor or the Principal Disability Advisor to medical doctors regarding the Disability Allowance in the years 2010 – 2014.*

After consulting with the Principal Health and Principal Disability Advisors, I can advise that there have been no communications to medical doctors concerning the Disability Allowance from 2010 to 2014.

The Principal Health Advisor has advised that he has held informal one-on-one discussions with various doctors at the Medical Conferences that the Ministry has hosted. However, he has not provided any communications that directly related to the Disability Allowance. Likewise the Principal Disability Advisor has advised that she has not provided any communication in relation to the Disability Allowance. Therefore your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as no written communications exist.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10-152  
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Yours sincerely



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