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Dear Mr Sime

Thank you for your email of 15 August 2014, requesting information about an application by Alison Horwood to visit prisoner, Clayton Weatherston. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have requested a copy of all file notes made in relation to any OIA requests, submitted during July 2009, for the release of Alison Horwood's application to visit prisoner, Clayton Weatherston.

The Department received one OIA request about Mr Horwood's application to visit Mr Weatherston during July 2009. We have reviewed the relevant file and can confirm that we cannot locate any file notes; therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

Please let me assure you that we treat our statutory obligations under the OIA with the utmost seriousness. We respond to requests as soon as reasonably practicable in accordance with section 15 of the OIA. We also take into account section 12(3) of the OIA, which states that a person may ask for a request be treated as urgent, and should outline the reasons for seeking the information urgently. Our staff treat all requests equally and do not prioritise requests from particular individuals.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. As you may be aware, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review this response. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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