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Dear Jill Latham

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 13 May 2015 in regard to "the veterinary report relating to the transportation of 900 pregnant Awassi sheep exported to the demonstration farm in Saudi Arabia last year."

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) does not have a veterinary report for this shipment, as veterinary reports are not required to be submitted. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information does not exist. However, veterinarians did accompany this shipment, and have informed MPI the sheep travelled well and arrived in good health.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Stone

Director Animal & Animal Products

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