



10 September 2015

Alex Harris
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Ref: OIA 0183

Dear Alex,

I refer to your email dated 11 August 2015, requesting under the Official Information Act, the following information:

"A list of all the workshops on regional research institutes that have been held or are scheduled to be held, including their dates and locations. I'd also like the total attendance at each workshop, and attendee lists if they are available."

You also mentioned in your email that these workshops were scheduled to begin in June 2015. Please note that the timelines have changed since the advice was provided, and this should explain the delay from the original scheduled dates beginning June 2015.

In regard to your information request, I am unfortunately unable to provide you with information for either part of this request.

Concerning the first part of your request, which asks for *"a list of all the workshops on regional research institutes that have been held or are scheduled to be held, including their dates and locations"*, I am happy to inform you that the information was published on the MBIE website on 21 August 2015. Therefore, your request has been refused under s18(d) of the Act, as *"the information requested is or will soon be publicly available."*

In the second part of your request you asked for *"the total attendance at each workshop, and attendee lists"*. The attendees, and therefore the total attendance have yet to be determined for all workshops. Consequently, your request for information is refused under s18(e) of the Act as *"the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found."*

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsmen, whose address for contact purpose is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10-152
Wellington 6143





Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Walley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly prominent.

Richard Walley
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