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Dear T Benseman

Thank you for your request of 18 October 2016 requesting official information. You asked for:

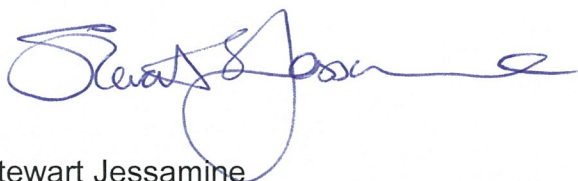
“copies of communications regarding any legal opinion sought by the ministry of health and all it's staff, contractors and agents regarding 1080 poison and sub lethal dose symptoms including mitochondrial disorders between 1/1/1990 and 1/10/2016.”

In respect of any information since 1993 (which is when the relevant electronic database begins), I am declining your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 because a search of the Ministry's records found that the information does not exist.

In respect of any information between 1990 and 1993, I am refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act, because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. This is because this information is not contained in our electronic database, and would require extensive manual searching through archived hard files.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision not to release the information.

Yours sincerely



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Director
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