



Ref: AFS 17/241/1

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Dear Mr Johnston

Re: Official Information Act Request re Cannabis

I refer to your Official Information Act requests received via two separate emails on 16 January 2017 in relation to Cannabis. You sought the following information:

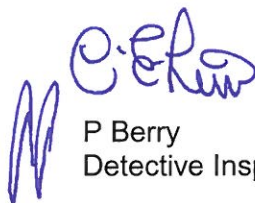
1. For the last five years, by region, and month:
 - a. The number of search warrants executed that resulted in the retrieval of cannabis 'tinnys' (any pre-packaged amount of cannabis intended to be sold to consumers for \$20-25)
 - b. The number of tinnys retrieved for each warrant execution
 - c. The approximate or average weight of each tinny for each search warrant execution
2. Categorised by indoor cultivation, outdoor cultivation on private property, and cultivation on public property:
 - a. The number of police operations which retrieved live growing cannabis
 - b. The total number of plants retrieved, for each category.
(Please provide the information per month per region for the last five years)

Police do not collect nor record this level of information. For example Police cannot differentiate between public and private property occurrences without substantial manual data extraction (we would have to go through each incident separately) which would be extremely prohibitive over the requested time period. The costs of collating this one aspect would be significant to the requestor and may be of little benefit.

Therefore the majority of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information does not exist. Further, where small amounts of data may exist that part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



P Berry
Detective Inspector