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Ref: AFS 17/241/8

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Dear Mr Johnston

Re: Official Information Act Request re Cannabis

I refer to your email of 1 February 2017 in which you asked the following question as a follow up to an earlier Police Official Information Act response to one of your requests:

1. Are the police able to provide bulk unrefined data? (For example would you be able to provide every search warrant that retrieved cannabis tinnies, and their evidence sheets?)

As indicated to you previously, Police undertake thousands of search warrants per year for a wide range of offences including cannabis related offending. Also, many general search warrants will result in cannabis being located as a secondary item of interest and will then feature amongst general exhibit sheet entries. The search warrant documents, exhibit property sheets and other related documents will be held within hardcopy investigation files spread across the 12 police districts.

Police do not hold the "bulk unrefined data" you have requested. Therefore your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information requested is not held by the department and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman in writing to seek an investigation and review of my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request

Yours sincerely



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Detective Inspector
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