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Dear Andre

Regarding your Official Information Act 1982 Request

I refer to your email of 19 February 2017 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 ('the OIA'), copies of:

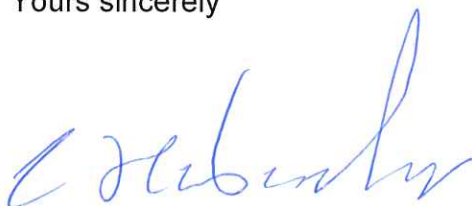
"...all documentation that evidences that the definition of "Person" as contained in the Interpretation Act is a "Human Being"

Your request has been refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

I note that the Ministry of Justice responded to a similar request from you in October 2016. That response advised that you may find it useful to seek independent legal advice on the definition of "person" in the Interpretation Act 1999. I have nothing further to add at this time.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to complaint to the Ombudsman about the decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely



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