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John Hill
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Dear John Hill

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 27 February 2017;

Please provide details of consultation on the Manuka Honey Science Program and the Manuka Honey Standards project, with the industry, processors, iwi groups and interested parties to the Honey industry both in NZ and overseas.

I require details of the input from Ministry of Primary Industries, feedback from the parties consulted and resolution of issues between all affected parties.

This information is requested since the commencement of the Manuka Science Program in 2013.

The request is refused pursuant to section 18(d) that the information requested is publically available on the MPI website.

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-producing/bees-and-other-insects/manuka-honey/>

This page has recent programme updates for the Ministry for Primary Industries Manuka honey science programme. It also provides details of public consultation undertaken by MPI in 2013 and 2014 during the development of the interim labelling guidelines for Manuka honey. This includes a summary of submissions, information about the stakeholder working group established by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), and the notes from these working group meetings.

MPI will shortly be consulting on new export requirements for honey, including how the Manuka honey definition should be implemented for honey exported from New Zealand. This process will include releasing a public discussion document and draft General Requirements for Export Notice. Further details about this consultation will be made available on the MPI website.

Yours Sincerely,

Allan Kinsella
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