



OIA17-0231

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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 19 April 2017 relating to

Has any scientific work been carried out to synthesize the chemical marker Leptosperin by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)?
Has MPI found if there has been any synthetic Leptosperin produced globally?
If there has been what would the cost per gram be to produce it.
Has MPI been able to produce Leptosperin synthetically?
If there has been what would the cost per gram be to produce it.

The MPI Manuka Honey Science Programme did not carry out scientific research into the synthesis of the chemical leptosperin or investigate the global production of synthetic leptosperin.

As there was no scientific research undertaken, MPI does not hold information on cost per gram to produce it. These requests have been refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the basis that the information requested does not exist.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to [withhold information / refuse your request].

Yours sincerely

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