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Dear Joe

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 18 February 2018 relating to all information held about wild snakes in New Zealand. On 22 February 2018 and 5 March 2018, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) contacted you to narrow the scope of your request, as it covers a substantial amount of information. To date, MPI has not received any contact from you.

Given the broadness of the request, MPI does not consider that extending the timeframe or fixing a charge would enable a decision to be made. As such, this request is refused under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) as this information cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lalith Kumarasinghe'.

Dr. Lalith Kumarasinghe  
Director Diagnostic and Surveillance Services (Acting)