



OIA18-0115

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Dear Joe

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 19 February 2018 relating to all information held by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) about the existence of wild big cats in New Zealand. On 19 February 2018, you narrowed the scope of the request to only cover information from the South Island and from 1982 to 2013. MPI notes that this request would still require significant work to find information within the scope of this request. On 22 February 2018, 28 February 2018 and 5 March 2018 we emailed you to offer assistance with developing a more achievable request. To date, we have not received a response 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', written over a horizontal line.

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