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Dear T Monk

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 15 July 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) asking:

- 1. What is the incidence of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) in NZ overall, versus in other countries of the world?*
- 2. What is the comparative incidence of IPF in NZ by region?*
- 3. What is the incidence of IPF on Waiheke Island?*
- 4. What is the prevalence of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) in NZ overall, versus in other countries of the world?*
- 5. What is the comparative prevalence of IPF in NZ by region?*
- 6. What is the prevalence of IPF on Waiheke Island?*
- 7. Does the NZ government do regular atmospheric testing for chemicals in the atmosphere? (If so, where is this done; and could you please provide results from the past 20 years or a link to results)?*
- 8. Does the NZ government do regular atmospheric radiation monitoring and radiation monitoring of fish? (If so, where is this done; and could you please provide results from the past 20 years, or a link to results)?*

As per the letters sent to you regarding your request, dated 23 and 24 July 2018, questions 7 and 8 of your request have been transferred to the Institute of Environmental Science and Research and the Ministry for Primary Industries respectively.

Due to limitations of the Ministry's data gathering, specific statistics relating to IPF do not exist. We have endeavored to provide you with the most relevant information the Ministry does hold relating to your request and this is itemised in the table over the page.

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I trust this information fulfils your request.

Yours sincerely



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