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Mr Brailsford
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Ref: H201806717

Dear Mr Brailsford

Response to your request for official information

I refer to your request of 3 October 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

"I request the number of deaths recorded in New Zealand per year caused by allergic reaction to fruit for every year that records exist.

I further request a break-down of fruit type per year."

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) holds information on people admitted to hospital. The data is coded using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision. This classification has two codes that are of relevance:

- T78.0 Anaphylactic shock due to adverse food reaction
- T78.1 Other adverse food reactions, not elsewhere classified

This coding is however not specific enough to identify whether the reaction was due to fruit, nor the type of fruit. As such, I have decided to refuse this request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

Please note this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry's website.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse under this request.

Yours sincerely



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