

31 May 2019

Paddy Lewis  
By email: [fyi-request-10272-375b812c@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-10272-375b812c@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Ref: H201902994

Dear Paddy

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 8 May 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

*“-Any correspondence (including letters, emails, txts or memos) to or from Philip Morris or British American Tobacco representatives in relation to cannabis law or marijuana  
- Minutes of any meeting held with Philip Morris or British American Tobacco representatives in relation to cannabis/marijuana or cannabis law reform  
- Dates and times of any meeting held with Philip Morris or British American Tobacco representatives in relation to cannabis law or marijuana.”*

The Ministry of Health has not received or sent any correspondence or attended any meetings as noted in your request. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse this request.

Yours sincerely



Maree Roberts  
**Deputy Director-General**  
**System Strategy and Policy**