



19-E-0484 / DOC 6038744

15 August 2019

Hannah Enderby
via FYI website

Dear Ms Enderby

We refer to your Official Information Act (OIA) request to the Department of Conservation dated 18 July 2019 regarding the urine samples that were tested for traces of 1080.

Eligibility under the OIA

In our 7 August 2019 response to a previous OIA request from you (request 19-E-0457), we asked that you provide evidence of your eligibility to make requests under the OIA by 14 August 2019.

We did not receive the evidence we requested within that prescribed timeframe. Therefore, we have decided to decline this request on the basis that it does not meet the eligibility criteria set out in section 12 of the OIA. I have made this decision in consideration of the resources we have available to respond to requests and our obligation and ability to respond to legitimate OIA requests in a timely manner.

Future requests for information

The Department is open to responding to future requests for information on the basis that you pay for the costs incurred by the Department in preparing responses to those requests.

Schedule 1 (attached to this letter) provides an example of how we might calculate those costs. That example considers a request which will require the Department to spend a minimum of 8 hours to prepare a response (so effectively one working day). I note that the charging rate we have used in that example is consistent with the rate prescribed in the Ombudsman's guidelines for charging for official information.

If we receive an information request from you in future, we will scope the work required to respond and fix a charge accordingly. We would then require full payment of that amount to the Department before we begin preparing a response.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amber Bill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Amber Bill
Director Threats
for Director-General

Schedule 1 – an example of the calculation of costs

Table 1: chargeable activities

Chargeable activities required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search and retrieval of relevant documents • Research (reading and reviewing to identify relevant information) • Drafting and editing the response • Reasonably required peer review to ensure that the response accurately captures the requested information
Minimum estimated total time to complete chargeable activities	8 hours

Table 2: calculation of total cost payable

Total hours	Charging rate* (NZD)	Total chargeable hours	Total cost* (NZD)
8 hours	\$38/half hour, with the first hour free	7 hours	\$532.00

* All costs are inclusive of GST