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Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



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Dear Peter Watts

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information requests on 30 September and 3 October 2016 asking for the following:

Can I find out how much money has been invested in finding export markets for NZ Kina by the Government. What is the result of this money being spent?

How much money has been invested by the government in trying to establish a Kina export industry in New Zealand, and what are the results of it?

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) supports sustainable utilisation of New Zealand kina generally (including for export), through research, quota management and compliance activity. However, MPI does not hold any records which provide details of investment in finding export markets or establishing a kina export industry. Therefore, this request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) may have invested in finding export markets for this commodity. You can contact NZTE directly using the contact details on the following website: <https://www.nzte.govt.nz/en/contact-us/general-enquiries/>

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Turner'.

Dave Turner
Director Fisheries Management