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Dear Sheldon Levett

I refer to your email of 4 April 2017 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"...I request a list of all successful, commercial applications (with permit number, name of applicant, nature and exact quantity of export item) under Part 1 & Part 2 of the Strategic Goods List, for the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16..."*

I also refer to our emails of 12 April and 28 April 2017, asking you to more specifically identify the information which you are seeking.

Your request is refused under section 18(f) as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

As required by section 18A, we have considered:

- Fixing a charge under section 15 of the OIA. Charging would not address the fundamental difficulty of the extensive scope of your request.
- Extending the time limit of your request. Neither this step, nor consulting with you as to the request's scope, would enable the request to be granted.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade