



OIA17-0331

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John Hill  
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Dear John Hill

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request on 6 June 2017 regarding queries related to why Leptosperin was excluded from the identification of mānuka honey in the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Mānuka honey science program. As your questions are for comment these have not been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Your specific request for *'all the data (used and unused) and the rationale for the conclusion that leptosperin could not be used as a chemical marker in the MPI Mānuka honey science program'* is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the OIA on the basis that the information requested is publicly available.

MPI has already released publicly reasons for inclusion or exclusion of specific science markers through the science summary document, discussion document and release of raw data as well as presentations and discussions at workshops and industry meetings.

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 this part of your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Kinsella'.

Allan Kinsella  
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