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John Hill
Care of FYI website

Dear John Hill

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 6 June 2017 relating to the science process that led to the decision that 3-phenyllactic acid, 2-methoxybenzoic acid and 4-hydroxyphenyllactic acid levels in manuka honey can be used to separate monofloral from multifloral honey and the levels at which these can occur.

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.

Therefore, this request is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the basis that the information requested is publicly available.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Kinsella'.

Allan Kinsella
Director Systems Audit, Assurance & Monitoring