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Dear Ms Butcher

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request of 10 July 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

*"I would like to request the Ministry of health to provide all documentation, bills, acts, laws, and any other documentation in regards to hemp and its classification. All sub factors of hemp. ie. Hemp leaves, hemp stalk, hemp root, hemp powder, hemp seed."*

On 16 July 2018, via email, we gave you opportunity to refine your request:

*"The request as it stands is likely to be declined under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982, because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.*

*It has been proposed that you further refine your request by asking for a more specific sub-set of material, so that an answer to your request can be made possible. It is your decision whether or not to refine.*

*It is also important to note that "...bills, acts, laws..." on this topic are all publicly available information, so this part of the request would be refused under 18(d) of the Act.*

*If you choose to amend your request, it's advised that you remove this part."*

Due to the fact that no response was received, I have decided under section 18(f) of the Act to refuse your request, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold information under this request.

Yours sincerely



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**Manager OIA Services**  
**Office of the Director-General**