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Dear M Nair

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

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

- “1. Could you please provide me with a list of the number of annual drug-related deaths and injuries at music festivals or other outdoor events for the last 10 years?*
- 2. Could you also provide me with copies of all requests for on-site drug-checking (for identity, purity and/or contamination) that have been made to the Ministry of Health during this period, and the responses to these requests? Ideally, the identity of the organisations (or on whose behalf) that made this request would also be provided.*
- 3. I would also like to know what, if any, drug-checking policies and drug-related harm reduction policies the Ministry of Health is currently considering or might include in the National Drug Policy 2020.”*

On 29 August 2018 you clarified question three of your request to “*if the Ministry of Health is considering any drug-checking/pill testing related harm reduction policies.*”

Your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act because the information does not exist.

In relation to question two above, please be advised that the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) does not fund on-site drug testing, nor does the Ministry directly carry out testing.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse this request.

Yours sincerely



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