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Dear D Le Feuvre

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), transferred to the Ministry of Health by the Department of Conservation on 19 March 2019, for:

"How many people have been effected by low doses of 1080 poison?"

The Ministry does not undertake any human health surveillance during or following 1080 aerial drops.

However, medical practitioners (including general practitioners and hospital physicians) are required to report any hazardous substances injuries to medical officers of health, which will include any suspected 1080 poisoning cases. Medical practitioners have not reported any suspected or confirmed cases of 1080 poisoning in New Zealand.

Information about hazardous substances injuries is publicly available. Between 2000 and 2009, the Ministry commissioned the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR) to develop and maintain a national Chemical Injury Surveillance System. The annual reports for this time period are available at the link below, and also include reports on the proposal for the development of a national surveillance system and its pilot study:

- Hazardous substances injury data between 2000 and 2009: https://surv.esr.cri.nz/surveillance/chemical_injuries.php
- Hazardous substances injury data since 2013: www.ehinz.ac.nz/our-projects/hazardous-substances/hsdirt-notification-tool/ and www.ehinz.ac.nz/our-projects/hazardous-substances/hazardous-substances-surveillance-system/.

Therefore I have decided to refuse your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information requested does not exist.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Yours sincerely



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