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Dear Grace Haden

**Official Information Act Requests to the Minister dated 19 October 2012 and to MPI dated 21 October 2012**

I write in response to your requests for official information as set out above.

**1. Request of 19 October 2012.**

This request was made to the Minister for Primary Industries and transferred to the Ministry for Primary Industries where it was received on 23 October 2012.

You have sought –

*“And please by way of the OIA could you provide me with a definition as to who or what AWINZ was according to official records*

- 1. At the time of application 22 November 1999*
- 2. At the time of approval 18/12/2000*
- 3. At the time the MOU was signed 4/12/2003*
- 4. At each audit between 2000 and 2010 “*

You have been provided with access to all relevant documentation on AWINZ that could be made available to you under the Official Information Act 1982. You have made numerous requests for information over the years, all of which have been responded to in full. There is no further information on AWINZ to make available to you. Consequently, your request is refused under section 18 (e) in that further information does not exist.

## 2. Request of 21 October 2012.

This request was received on 23 October 2012 by the Ministerial Group.

You have sought –

*“ ..... I respectfully request that I could meet with you or an investigator / lawyer appointed by you and detail the evidence which I have collated which shows that the Minister at the time and therefore the crown was deceived in the application for approved status for AWINZ “.*

Your request is refused. If you consider deception has occurred, contrary to what MPI officials believe, the proper place to raise this is with the police.

You have also sought –

*“By way of the OIA I Request*

1. *any decision which determined that AWINZ was an” Organisation as defined by the Act”*

The term “organisation” is not defined in the Act and consequently takes its normal dictionary meaning.

2. *any documents which verified that an “organisation” existed and operated*

You have had access to all documents concerning AWINZ that can be made available to you.

3. *copies of all correspondence which considered the legality of the application being unsigned and being made prior to any trust having been formed.*

You have had access to all documentation that can be made available to you. Any legal analysis of AWINZ is subject to legal professional privilege and is accordingly withheld as you have been notified in the past.

4. *Documents which consider who the trustees were for the approved organisation given that no one had signed the application form and how those persons who subsequently signed the trust deed could be held accountable for this law enforcement authority. “*

You have had access to all documentation that can be made available to you. Consequently, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act in that further information does not exist. You have the right to have this decision reviewed by the Ombudsman under section 28 (3) of that Act.

You have the right to seek a review of this decision by the Ombudsman under section 28 (3) of the Official information Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted at:

Office of the Ombudsman  
P. O. Box 10-152  
**WELLINGTON**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Patchett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Patchett  
**Chief Legal Adviser**