

5 October 2018

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Ref: H201806177

Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

I refer to your request to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) of 10 September 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

I would like to request under the OIA any information the ministry has received or produced relating to the spread of dengue fever or the zika virus in Fiji for 2017 and 2018 including:

- 1. number of confirmed zika cases in Fiji and where cases have been identified in Fiji*
- 2. number of confirmed dengue cases in Fiji and where cases have been identified*
- 3. number of zika and dengue cases in NZ where a person has been travelling in Fiji including where they have been in Fiji*
- 4. any information or statistics supporting the proposed funding by the NZ government to release wolbachia carrying mosquitos in western Fiji in 2019 as part of the ongoing programme to control mosquito spread diseases.*

The responses to your request are as follows:

The Ministry does not hold information relating to numbers of overseas zika and dengue cases, nor does the Ministry hold information relating to where these cases have been identified in Fiji. As a result questions one and two of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as this information does not exist.

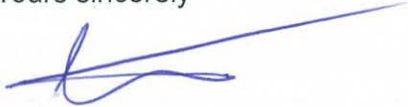
The information you have requested in question three is available on the ESR website at the following address: <https://surv.esr.cri.nz/cgi-bin/htsearch> therefore this aspect of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act as this information is publicly available.

The Ministry does not hold information or statistics relating to the proposed funding by the NZ government to release wolbachia carrying mosquitos in western Fiji in 2019, as a result this aspect of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act. The Ministry has been advised that you have received information relating to this aspect of your request from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely



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