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Mary Phillips
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Dear Mary Phillips

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 7 November 2019. You specifically requested:

- *A copy of Steven Plowright's appointment letter as an SPCA inspector*
- *A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and SPCA, as well as the Performance and Technical Standards that SPCA has to adhere to which includes appointment/termination of inspectors*

MPI has searched through the relevant libraries of data to find a record of Steven Plowright and his appointment letter, however no record of a "Steven Plowright" can be found. Therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) *that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.*

MPI is releasing to you a copy of the latest MOU and Performance and Technical Standards from 2019.

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available. You have the right under section 28(1) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse part of your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'm. Sando'.

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