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Dear Ralph Piezas

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 10 July 2019 for:

*"I would like to request an information regarding the recent statistics of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in New Zealand
Specifically:
Numbers of individuals diagnosed with ASD in New Zealand as of 2019 or recent
The prevalence of ASD in New Zealand
A yearly Statistics that shows the number of individuals diagnosed with ASD."*

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) does not hold the information you requested. Therefore, your request for this information is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as it is not held by the Ministry and I have no reason to believe that it is held by another agency, Minister or organisation.

There is no definitive information on the prevalence and incidence of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in New Zealand. You might be interested to know that the Ministry publishes annual health survey data for various health topics which is regularly updated. This is available at:

<https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2017-18-annual-data-explorer/ w 0811ceee/ w 741d172a/#!/explore-indicators>

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

Yours sincerely



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