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Mr Campbell Larsen
by email: fyi-request-1095-3d72c032@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Larsen

Request for official information (ref: H201303382)

Thank you for your email of 23 August 2013 requesting official Information. You asked for:

A copy of the Ministry's submission to the Health Select Committee regarding the Petition for Better Mental Healthcare Choices in New Zealand (Petition Number 2011/66).

I understand the petition was presented to the House of Representatives on 12 June 2013. At this point in time, the Ministry of Health has not been asked to provide a submission on this petition. Accordingly, I have declined your request on the basis of section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982; that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

The Ministry is able to provide copies of its submissions once they have been fully considered by the Health Select Committee. However, I note that this often coincides with the submissions being made public.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision not to release the information.

Yours sincerely



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