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Dear G Sharma

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 12 November 2019 for:

*"1. Number of Foreign born NZ residents over the age of 60 that arrived/settled in New Zealand in last 10 years (from 2009 or after) using considerable publicly funded health services in "Hospitals" (I won't expect normal GP visits in this)*

*2. Average cost to New Zealand taxpayers per year per person for above mentioned people i.e Foreign born elders over the age of 60 that arrived to NZ in or after 2009)*

*3. Number of Foreign born NZ Visitors on "Visitor visa" over the age of 60 who paid for medical services in NZ hospitals in last 10 years (Obviously anyone on a Visitors Visa doesn't qualify for publicly funded healthcare)*

*4. Average money spent in New Zealand on health services per year per person for last 10 years by above people i.e Foreign born elders over the age of 60 who are in NZ on a visitor visa.*

*5. Number of Foreign born NZ residents over the age of 60 that arrived/settled in New Zealand in last 10 years (from 2009 or after) undergone a "major medical treatment" in New Zealand which was publicly funded. I would consider a medical treatment major that would cost NZ Taxpayers over \$41,000 which is the current threshold set by Immigration New Zealand for the purpose of a medical waiver."*

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 subject to the Act.

I trust that this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Yours sincerely



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