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Dear requestor

### **Refusal of your request for official information**

Thank you for your request for official information, received by the Ministry of Health on 20 February 2014. You requested:

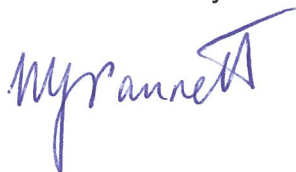
- *Any and all information pertaining to the number of persons formerly on the sickness benefit who have since died during the transition period to the new jobseeker support allowance.*
- *Any information the ministry may have about the impacts of this transition from sickness benefit to jobseeker allowance on the mental and physical health of the beneficiaries in question.*

I am obliged to refuse your request because the Ministry does not hold the information you have requested. I am permitted to refuse your request for this reason under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Ordinarily, we would transfer your request to the Ministry for Social Development for it to respond to. However, we note that you have also made the same request to the Ministry of Social Development already and that they will be responding to your request in due course.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about my decision to refuse your request. Information about making a complaint is on the website of the Office of the Ombudsman ([www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)). You can also contact the Office on freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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