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 **Ombudsman**
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Dear Gold

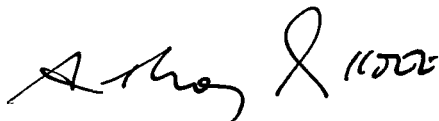
I refer to your email of 3 July 2014, forwarded to this Office by the Ministry of Health by letter dated 25 July 2014, in which you request information about whether the Pharmacy Council is a "New Zealand Public Authority" for the purposes of making an Official Information Act 1982 request.

In short, the Pharmacy Council is not an authority covered by the Official Information Act. The Official Information Act specifies those agencies that are covered in Schedule 1 of that Act, and to those agencies listed in Schedule 2 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

The Pharmacy Council is not listed in either the Official Information Act, or the Ombudsmen Act, and so it is not subject to the legislation prescribed in the Official Information Act.

I hope that you have found my comments helpful.

Yours sincerely



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