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Dear Netta

Thank you for your email of 7 July 2014 requesting the number of people under the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act (The Act), 1992.

We are happy to provide this information to you in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

Please find the information you requested enclosed below.

Yours sincerely



Don Mackie  
**Chief Medical Officer**

# Official Information Act Request

Number of people classified annually as patients under the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992

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**Table 1: Number of people classified as patients under the Mental Health Act 2013**

Section <sup>1</sup>	Number of people subject to each section in 2013 <sup>2</sup>
s11	4,902
s13	4,433
s14(4)+s15(1)+s15(2)	2,838
s29	5,709
s30	2,362
s31	1,084
Any of the above sections during 2013	<b>10,270</b>
Any of the above sections on 31 December 2013	<b>6,344</b>

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According to the PRIMHD (Programme for the Integration of Mental Health Data) national collection of mental health information, a total of 10,270 people were subject to either compulsory assessment and/or treatment under the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992<sup>3</sup> (The Mental Health Act), during 2013.

Of this total, 4,902 people underwent an initial period of assessment of (five days) under section 11 of the Mental Health Act. 4,433 people underwent the second period of assessment (14 days) under section 13, and 2,838 people underwent a final period of assessment (up to six weeks) under sections 14(4), 15(1) or 15(2).

Over the course of 2013, 5,709 people were subject to a section 29 order to receive treatment in the community, 2,362 people were subject to a section 30 inpatient order to receive treatment in a mental health inpatient facility and 1,084 people were subject to a section 31 order (inpatient leave in the community).

As at 31 December 2013 there were a total of 6,344 people under any of the aforementioned sections of the Mental Health Act in New Zealand.

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<sup>1</sup> s11: legal status code SM, s13: legal status code SN, s14(4) + s15(1) + s15(2): legal status codes ST,SS,MH, s29: legal status codes CK,TY,C1,C2, s30: legal status codes CL,L1,L2, s31: legal status code MZ.

For more information about the specified sections please see the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992, and Ministry of Health (2012). *Guidelines to the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992*. Ministry of Health: Wellington.

<sup>2</sup> Source: PRIMHD 21 July 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Under sections 11, 13, 14(4), 15(1), 15(2), 29, 30 and 31.