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Dear Mr Le Brun

Response to your request for official information

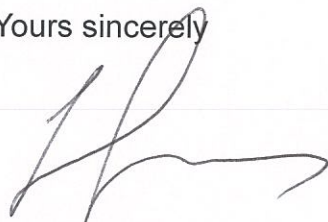
Thank you for your request of 27 January 2015 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for “if the ministry of health keeps record of the occurrence of opioid induced hyperalgesia, (OIH) a common side effect of long term use of opioids in the management of chronic pain” and “if the MOH does keep record of this complication, can I have an annual breakdown for the last 5 years of how many occurrences per year, and a tally of which opiates were responsible for OIH”.

The Ministry of Health (through Medsafe) contracts the collection of suspected medicine adverse reaction reports to the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM). CARM has not received any reports of hyperalgesia due to opiates.

Information about adverse reactions to medicines is available on the Medsafe website at: www.medsafe.govt.nz/projects/B1/ADRSearch.asp

I trust this information fulfils your request.

Yours sincerely



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