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Dear Mr Le Brun

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your letter of 9 March 2015 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) data on procedures performed for epilepsy.

Hospital data reported to the Ministry of Health is coded using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases. New Zealand uses the Australian Modification of the Tenth Revision. I have enclosed a table showing the number of procedures from the procedure block code *Procedures for epilepsy* (ICD-10-AM-II block code 26), and the number of *Insertion of percutaneous epidural electrodes* (ICD-10-AM-II code 3913000) procedures performed during publicly funded hospital discharges from July 2004 to June 2014.

If you have any queries about this data, please direct them to Analytical Services, Ministry of Health. They can be contacted by phone on (04) 496-2000, fax on (04) 816-2898 or by e-mail (data-enquiries@moh.govt.nz).

I trust this information fulfils your request.

Yours sincerely



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