

Ms Rosemary Lynch
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Ref: H201501815

Dear Ms Lynch

Transfer of request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information, received on 24 May 2015 for

“1. How much money is spent annually on the purchase of hollow-bore needles for use in the NZ public healthcare system, and who is the provider of these supplies?”

2. What are the numbers and types of (hollow-bore) needles purchased annually for use in public health?”

3. How many public health care workers, who have experienced a needle stick injury while in the workplace, test positive for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), and/or the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) annually?”

4. Does the ministry have any plans and/or policies in place to reduce instances of needle stick injuries in the public healthcare system?”

In relation to questions 1 and 2 I believe that the information you have requested is more closely associated with the functions of the district health boards (DHBs). As a result, I have decided to transfer your request to all the DHBs under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In relation to question 3, I believe that the information you have requested is more closely associated with the functions of the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC). As a result, I have decided to transfer your request to ACC under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In relation to question 4, this to be a workplace safety matter, with policies being put in place at an employer level. DHBs as employers need to comply with work place safety requirements and have policies and protocols that manage occupational risks and other hazards, such as needle stick injury protocols.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to transfer your request for information.

Yours sincerely



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Encl Request for information from Ms Rosemary Lynch

From: Info MOH/MOH
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Date: 25/05/2015 07:50 a.m.
Subject: Fw: Official Information Act request - Funding allocation for hollow-bore needles in public health system
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From: Rosemary Lynch <fyi-request-2767-76d78be9@requests.fyi.org.nz>
To: OIA requests at MOH <EmailMOH@moh.govt.nz>,
Date: 24/05/2015 04:35 p.m.
Subject: Official Information Act request - Funding allocation for hollow-bore needles in public health system

Dear Ministry of Health,

I have several questions relating to funding of medical supplies in New Zealand public healthcare system.

1. How much money is spent annually on the purchase of hollow-bore needles for use in the NZ public healthcare system, and who is the provider of these supplies?
2. What are the numbers and types of (hollow-bore) needles purchased annually for use in public health?
3. How many public health care workers, who have experienced a needle stick injury while in the workplace, test positive for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), and/or the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) annually?
4. Does the ministry have any plans and/or policies in place to reduce instances of needle stick injuries in the public healthcare system?

Yours faithfully,

Rosemary Lynch

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