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Rosemary Lynch

Via email: fyi-request-2767-76d78be9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Lynch

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST

I refer to your email dated 24 May 2015 originally sent to the Ministry of Health requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 to provide the following information:

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?*

Under section 14 the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the Ministry of Health has transferred questions (1) and (2) above to the Hawke's Bay District Health Board to provide a response to you. Under the Act we have 20 working days from receipt of your request to respond. Therefore, we anticipate a response back to you by 25 June 2015.

Yours sincerely

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