

18 June 2015

Ms. Rosemary Lynch

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Ref: H201501815

Dear Ms. Lynch,

Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 24 May 2015, requesting 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?
Information attached
2. What are the numbers and types of (hollow-bore) needles purchased annually for use in public health?
Information attached
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?
Request transferred to ACC under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).
4. Does the ministry have any plans and/or policies in place to reduce instances of needle stick injuries in the public healthcare system?
Ministry of Health has responded.

Yours sincerely



Jenny McLennan
PA to Chief Executive