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Dear Ms Lynch

**Re Official Information Request**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request that was transferred from the MoH on 26 May 2015 and revised transfer letter received 29 May 2015.

The information Auckland DHB was asked to provide is:

- 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 number and types of (hollow-bore) needles purchased annually for use in public health?**

You are now aware that Auckland DHB does not hold the information you have requested in questions 1 and 2 and that we requested healthAlliance to provide the information. In response to this request, and similar requests from other DHBs, healthAlliance then contacted you in an endeavour to clarify your request, as the request inherently involves significant research and collation. You have not responded to healthAlliance.

In order to comply with the statutory response period, Auckland DHB now advises you formally that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research and your request is therefore declined until the parameters are made clear.

Yours faithfully



Ailsa Claire, OBE  
Chief Executive