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Dear Ms Lynch

**Official Information Act Request**

The Ministry of Health transferred part of your Official Information Act request dated 24 May 2015 to Northland DHB.

The information requested from Northland DHB is as follows:

- 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 those supplies?
- What are the numbers and types of (hollow-bore) needles purchased annually for use in the public health system?

Northland DHB requested healthAlliance to provide the information as Northland DHB did not hold it. healthAlliance contacted you in an endeavour to clarify your request as it involves significant research and collation. I understand you have not responded to healthAlliance.

In order to comply with the statutory response period set out in the Official Information Act (the Act) Northland DHB now advises you that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Your request is therefore declined under section 18(f) of the Act. You have a right by way of complaint to the Ombudsman to seek a review of this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Meng Cheong', written over a blue horizontal line.

**Meng Cheong**  
Acting Chief Executive