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Dear Ms Lynch

Official Information Act Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act Request, transferred from the Ministry of Health on 26 May 2015, and received in my office on 27 May 2015.

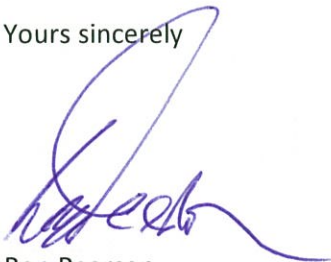
The information Counties Manukau Health was requested to provide is as follows:

- 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?***

You are now aware that Counties Manukau Health (CMH) 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. To date, you have not responded to healthAlliance.

In order to comply with the statutory response period, CMH 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 sincerely



Ron Pearson
Acting Chief Executive