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Dear Shane

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 15 December 2015 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

*The current population estimates for the 2 primary Inflammatory Bowel Conditions, Crohn's Disease, and Ulcerative Colitis.*

*For each condition, how many people are estimated to have each condition in the current NZ population?*

*For each condition, what are the annual costs for the most recent year data is held, for surgical procedures to treat the underlying conditions? eg bowel resections etc.*

*If available, are there any annualised cost estimates for treatment of each condition excluding surgical procedures?*

Unfortunately, the Ministry of Health does not collect the information you have requested.

Therefore under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act, I am refusing your request, as the information requested does not exist.

If you have not already done so you may wish to visit the Crohn's and Colitis New Zealand website ([crohnsandcolitis.org.nz](http://crohnsandcolitis.org.nz)) which has some information about inflammatory bowel disease in New Zealand.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold information under this request.

Yours sincerely



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Office of the Director General.