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Mr Ben Curran  
By email: [fyi-request-3764-7593b8fc@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-3764-7593b8fc@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr Curran

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 15 March 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

**“I am seeking the data on the amount of donors New Zealand has, and of those on New Zealand’s waiting list for organ donation. The information on Donor.co.nz is vague”.**

I have interpreted the first part of your request as the number of organ donors in New Zealand in the 2015 calendar year, which is the most recent data available. This information is available in the public domain from the Organ Donation New Zealand (ODNZ) website to which you refer. According to ODNZ’s website:

- the number of deceased donors in 2015 was 53 (<http://www.donor.co.nz/reports-a-publications-/new-zealand-organ-donor-numbers>).
- the number of live organ donors in 2015 was 77, comprising 74 kidney donors and 3 liver donors (<http://www.donor.co.nz/reports-a-publications-/number-of-transplant-operations-in-new-zealand>).

ODNZ’s 2015 Annual Report is due to be published shortly and will be available on its website.

The second part of your request asks for the number of people on New Zealand’s waiting list for organ donation. Please refer to the table below which contains the number of people who have been assessed as suitable for an organ transplant at February 2016. The list includes people who are classified as “inactive” due to medical or personal reasons, which means they will not be considered for transplant if a compatible organ becomes available.

Organ Type	Number of people assessed as suitable for organ transplant - February 2016		
	Active	Inactive	Total
Liver	27	2	29
Cardiac	12	3	15
Lung	5	0	5
Renal	489	186	675
<b>Total</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>724</b>

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my response under this request.

Yours sincerely

Cathy O'Malley  
**Acting Director**  
**Service Commissioning**