

20 December 2016

Dear Dr Harrison

Thank you for your request dated 25 November 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for information relating to the management of Stelazine (trifluoperazine) supply. You asked for:

- information, documentation, costings, advice sought and provided, correspondence between suppliers, manufacturers, pharmacy wholesalers, regarding the management of supply of Stelazine (trifluoperazine); and
- all documentation and advice received/sought from patients, customers, MPs, pharmacists/pharmacies, doctors, nurses/all health care professionals regarding the supply of Stelazine (trifluoperazine) in recent times.

Section 15A of the OIA allows an extended time limit for a response if consultations with external parties are necessary, and are unable to be done within the original time limit.

This situation applies to your request. Accordingly, PHARMAC is extending the response date for your request in accordance with section 15A of the OIA by a further 20 working days (as defined in the OIA) to **31 January 2017**. If we are able to provide the information earlier, we will do so.

Please let us know if you no longer require this information. For your reference, I have attached a letter recently sent to prescriber groups regarding the supply situation for trifluoperazine.

Please note you have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(3) of the OIA to an Ombudsman, to seek an investigation and review of our decision.

Yours sincerely



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