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Ms Alecia Bailey

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Dear Ms Bailey

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST – DEATH FROM MISDIAGNOSIS

Thank you for your email of 21 September 2012 requesting official information regarding deaths from misdiagnosis, specifically:

- *How many people have died in New Zealand because their burst appendix has gone undiagnosed?*
The Ministry of Health does not hold this information.
- *How many people have died in New Zealand because their appendicitis was misdiagnosed?*
The Ministry of Health does not hold this information.
- *How many people in New Zealand have died from peritonitis?*
The latest mortality data and statistics can be found on our website (<http://www.health.govt.nz/nz-health-statistics/health-statistics-and-data-sets/mortality-data-and-stats>). The data tables accompanying the publications, detail causes of death such as peritonitis.

You have the right, under Section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decisions.

Yours sincerely



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