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Dear Ms Winterbottom

Your Request for Information (OIA H201203532)

Thank you for your request of 25 October 2012 for official information about funding to Sanitarium (Seventh Day Adventist Church in New Zealand, AKA Australasian Health Conference). You were seeking information about payments made to that organisation in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Answers to your questions are provided below:

- 1. The Ministry of Health has not been able to locate any reference to payments made to that organisation by the Ministry in the period specified.
- 2. Not applicable (see response to question one).
- 3. No references to payments by other government agencies to that organisation were located, so the Ministry is not able to advise you which organisation made the payments, nor confirm that payments were made.
- 4-6. Not applicable (see response to question one).

As documents containing the information do not exist or have not been located, I have refused your request, as is allowed under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982.

I trust this is helpful. I note that you have the right to ask the Office of the Ombudsmen to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Phillips

Deputy Director-General

Corporate Services