

9 July 2018

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Ref: H201804837

Dear Mr McIntosh

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request for official information of 25 April 2018 requesting:

*Why is there still no screening program for prostate and colon cancer in NZ?*

On 27 June 2018 you contacted us to advise that you had not yet received a response to your request. We have carried out a search but have been unable to find the original request you sent to us, however upon searching the FYI.org.nz website we have found the wording of your original request. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding. Thank you for following up on this request and alerting us to it.

The information you have requested is publicly available on the websites listed below. Therefore, I have decided to refuse your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available.

Information about the National Bowel Screening Programme is available on the following websites:

- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/screening/national-bowel-screening-programme/key-documents-national-bowel-screening-programme>
- <https://www.nsu.govt.nz/health-professionals/national-bowel-screening-programme>
- <https://www.timetoscreen.nz/bowel-screening/>

Information about prostate cancer, and why there is no screening programme, is available at:

- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/national-cancer-programme/cancer-initiatives/prostate-cancer-programme>

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Allan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nick Allan  
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**Office of the Director-General**