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Tom Williams

By email to: [fyi-request-7992-927fddbb@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-7992-927fddbb@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Tom

**Re Official Information Request - Correspondence with Housing New Zealand (HNZ)**

I refer to your official information request dated 5 June 2018 for the information regarding the number of times (including the %) Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) has corresponded with HNZ regarding specific persons.

You asked the following questions:

- 1. The total number of times that ADHB has corresponded with HNZ in regards to a specific person.**
- 2. The percentage of the total under question 1 where ADHB received the express consent of the person who was the subject of the correspondence with HNZ to make that correspondence.**

I can advise that A DHB does not hold any systematic centralised system for capturing the number of times ADHB corresponds with HNZ regarding a specific person, nor the percentage of times correspondence has been issued with express consent. We are therefore unable to respond to your questions and are declining your request under Section 18(f) of the Official Information Act because the information does not exist and cannot be found.

In order to provide you with further context in terms of the information you have requested, please note that:

- Any correspondence between ADHB and HNZ will be executed in the spirit of supporting the patient's desire and intention to find appropriate public housing.
- Unless the patient has voluntarily registered themselves on the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) public housing register/wait list, there would be no role for HNZ, therefore any communication between ADHB and HNZ would serve no purpose.

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully



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