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Ref: H201804322

Dear Ms Cox

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 13 June 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following:

"Please provide the total amount of funding allocated specifically for queer and gender diverse and intersex people per year for the last ten years, as well as the percentage value of total funding from the Ministry of Health pool this amounts to.

Please advise if any funding from Ministry of Health for queer and gender diverse and intersex people is specifically dedicated to Māori, including the total value of this per year for the last ten years.

Please advise if any funding from Ministry of Health for queer and gender diverse and intersex people is specifically dedicated to children (under 12), and young people (under 25), including the total value of this per year for the last ten years.

Please also advise if any funding from Ministry of Health for queer and gender diverse and intersex people is specifically dedicated to children (under 12), and young people (under 25) who are Māori. Please include the total value of this funding per year for the last ten years.

If possible, please break this information down into funding that is specifically for mental health, for gender affirming healthcare for gender diverse people (including but not limited to: Hormone Replacement Therapy, Gender Reassignment Surgery, or Breast Augmentation Surgery), and for other health needs."

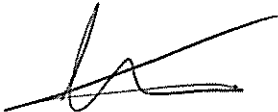
The only information within the scope of your request that the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) holds is the Ministry's own direct expenditure on gender reassignment surgery. Since 2005, the Ministry has funded gender reassignment surgery at the rate of three male-to-female and one female-to-male surgeries in each two year period. These surgeries are for adults and are provided either in the New Zealand private sector or overseas. The attached table shows the total annual expenditure, by financial year, for treatment costs and for overseas travel and accommodation. The table includes costs for the initial surgery and for any required follow-ups and revisions.

With regard to the other health services that are outlined in your request, these are provided by District Health Boards (DHBs). DHBs are bulk funded according to a population based funding formula, and it is up to each DHB to determine the health needs of its local population and meet those needs within the available funding. Each DHB will spend a

different amount on health services for the group of people you have identified, based on the needs of its own local population.

May I suggest that you reframe your questions to focus on how much is *spent* on services for the identified group of people, rather than how much is *allocated* for them. You should then address your questions to each DHB.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Allan', written over a horizontal line.

Nick Allan
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Ministry of Health Expenditure on
Gender Reassignment Surgery
By Financial Year
2004/5 to 2016/7

Financial Year	Treatment Costs	Travel & Accommodation
2004/5	\$48,009.53	\$0.00
2005/6	\$65,602.17	\$6,820.46
2006/7	\$102,691.07	\$14,649.73
2007/8	\$0.00	\$0.00
2008/9	\$80,049.77	\$2,313.35
2009/10	\$13,536.68	\$0.00
2010/11	\$101,453.60	\$875.00
2011/12	\$49,955.78	\$0.00
2012/13	\$120,698.71	\$24,567.77
2013/14	\$437,838.26	\$86,080.47
2014/15	\$148,310.23	\$2,192.81
2015/16	\$42,173.53	\$83,352.33
2016/17	\$711,338.93	\$56,032.74
2017/18*	\$163,095.88	\$43,243.71

*partial year