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Ref: H201804875

Dear T. Monk

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

Thank you for your request of 9 July 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for

- “1. When was prostitution legalised in New Zealand?*
- 2. When were brothels legalised in New Zealand?*
- 3. Do prostitutes have to be registered?*
- 4. How many known prostitutes were registered annually in NZ since prostitution over the past 35 years?*
- 5. Annually, how many of these prostitutes were known to be born overseas (and where were they born)?*
- 6. Do brothels have to be registered?*
- 7. How many known registered brothels per city are there in NZ, (and in what cities are they located?)*
- 8. Are prostitutes required to have medical checks? If so, how often?*
- 9. Are STDs legally required to be reported by doctors?*
- 10. Are STDs legally required to be reported by labs?*
- 11. If there has been a change in the reporting of STDs in NZ, since prostitution was legalised in NZ, when did that occur?*
- 11. How many cases per year (per STD type) have been reported by doctors annually for the past 35 years?*
- 12. How many cases per year (per STD type) have been reported by labs annually for the past 35 years?*
- 13. How many new cases of HIV have been reported annually over the past 35 years?*
- 14. How many people have died of HIV annually over the past 35 years*
- 15. How much has been spent annually on HIV treatment and support annually over the past 35 years.*
- 16. If there was a change in the keeping of these related statistics, could you please indicate the date, govt, and directive associated with the change.”*

The information relating to this request is itemised below, with links to web pages provided.

Request	Response
<p>1. When was prostitution legalised in NZ?  2. When were brothels legalised in NZ? ...  ... 8. Are prostitutes required to have medical checks? If so, how often?</p>	<p>I am refusing these requests under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available. It can be found in the <i>Prostitution Reform Act 2003</i> at <a href="http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2003/0028/latest/DLM197815.html">http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2003/0028/latest/DLM197815.html</a>.</p>
<p>3. Do prostitutes have to be registered?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>4. How many known prostitutes were registered annually in NZ since prostitution over the past 35 years?  5. Annually, how many of these prostitutes were known to be born overseas (and where were they born)?</p>	<p>Due to section 18(e) of the Act, I have decided to refuse these requests, due to the fact that the information requested does not exist.</p>
<p>6. Do brothels have to be registered?</p>	<p>Brothels need to apply for an operator license. I am refusing this request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the application is publicly available at <a href="https://www.justice.govt.nz/licences-certificates/brothel-operator-certification/">https://www.justice.govt.nz/licences-certificates/brothel-operator-certification/</a>.</p>
<p>7. How many known registered brothels are there in NZ, (and in what cities are they located)?</p>	<p>Due to section 18(e) of the Act, I am refusing this request, due to the fact that the information requested does not exist, and despite reasonable efforts to locate it with other agencies, it cannot be found.</p>
<p>9. Are STDs legally required to be reported by doctors?  10. Are STDs legally required to be reported by labs?  11. If there has been a change in the reporting of STDs in NZ, since prostitution was legalised in NZ, when did that occur?</p>	<p>I am refusing these requests under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available. It can be found in the Health Act 1956 at <a href="http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1956/0065/latest/whole.html">http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1956/0065/latest/whole.html</a>.  Additionally, there is further guidance on the Ministry of Health website at <a href="https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/guidance-infectious-disease-management-under-health-act-1956">https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/guidance-infectious-disease-management-under-health-act-1956</a>.</p>
<p>11. How many cases per year (per STD type) have been reported by doctors annually for the past 35 years?  12. How many cases per year (per STD type) have been reported by labs annually for the past 35 years?</p>	<p>I am refusing these requests under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available. All available surveillance data can be found at <a href="https://surv.esr.cri.nz/">https://surv.esr.cri.nz/</a>.</p>
<p>13. How many new cases of HIV have been reported annually over the past 35 years?  14. How many people have died of HIV annually over the past 35 years</p>	<p>I am refusing these requests under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available at <a href="https://www.otago.ac.nz/aidsepigroup/newsletters.html">https://www.otago.ac.nz/aidsepigroup/newsletters.html</a>.</p>

	Please note, records only date back to 1989.
15. <i>How much has been spent annually on HIV treatment and support annually over the past 35 years.</i>	<p>Due to section 18(e) of the Act, I am refusing this request, due to the fact that the information requested does not exist, and despite reasonable efforts to locate it, it cannot be found.</p> <p>It is not possible to accurately account for the total annual spend on HIV treatment and support in New Zealand <i>over the past 35 years</i> as the time frame is too wide, and specialist, diagnostic testing and screening services provided for people with HIV are also accessed for a wide range of other health issues. The Ministry of Health does not collect data on the cost of clinicians' time spent on HIV.</p> <p>However, the cost of all antiretroviral treatment for 2017 is estimated at \$36.66 million; a 2017 PHARMAC report provides this figure. This can be found in the column on page 2 at <a href="https://www.pharmac.govt.nz/assets/2017-Year-in-Review.pdf">https://www.pharmac.govt.nz/assets/2017-Year-in-Review.pdf</a>.</p>
16. <i>If these was a change in the keeping of these related statistics, could you please indicate the date, govt, and directive associated with the change.</i>	Due to section 18(e) of the Act, I am refusing this request, due to the fact that the information requested does not exist. There has been no change in the keeping of these statistics.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse information under this request.

Yours sincerely



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