

22 August 2018

Mr Luke Chandler
fyi-request-8389-b543c20c

Ref: H201805250

Dear Mr Chandler

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 26 July 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

1. *What information has the inquiry on Mental Health provided to the ministry?*
2. *What changes will the Ministry take on board and change?*
3. *What remuneration are the members of inquiry receiving?*
4. *What is the life span of the inquiry?*

You were advised on 3 August 2018 that the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) does not hold information in response to parts three and four of your request and the information is likely held by the Department of Internal Affairs. As such parts three and four of your request were transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs for response.

Parts one and two of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the Act, the information requested does not exist.

The Government Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction (the Inquiry) has only contacted the Ministry to request information.

It is expected that the Inquiry will report back to the Government by 31 October 2018 and as such the Ministry is unable to comment on any recommendations or outcomes from the Inquiry at this time.

Please note, the Chair of the Inquiry, Professor Ron Patterson provides regular updates on the Inquiry's website that may be of interest to you. These can be found at:
<https://www.mentalhealth.inquiry.govt.nz/whats-new/updates-to-stakeholders/>

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

Yours sincerely



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