

Monday, 9 May 2022

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Re: Official Information Act Request - Sign Language Interpreter

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

You asked:

*The number of times NZ Sign Language Interpreters were booked (Successful and Unsuccessful) for Dr appointments in each DHB each week over the period of 1 year Feb 2021 to Feb 2022?*

*Would it have the type of Dr appointments by medical field or location (e.g. hospital or general practice) appointments that used NZSL Interpreters?"*

The Hauora Tairāwhiti response is as follows:

Hauora Tairāwhiti does not hold the information you have requested at the required level to answer your request nor is it held in an easily retrievable format. To provide you with the number of sign language interpreters booked would require a substantial amount of time and resource. We are therefore declining your request pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act i.e. "... the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research".

Ngā mihi

**Jim Green**  
Chief Executive  
Hauora Tairāwhiti