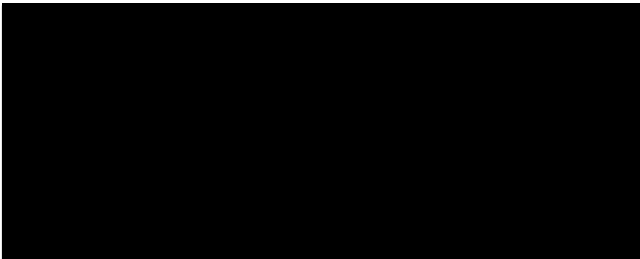


14 March 2019



**Re Official Information Request – Late Term Abortions**

I refer to your official information request of 6 March 2019 and clarified on 7 March 2019 for the following information:

***How many women in your district were between 20 - 24 weeks pregnant and approved for a surgical abortion in Australia each year between 2013 and 2018?***

***How many abortion procedures have been performed in your district each year between 2013 and 2018?***

***How many women were given the abortion pill in your district each year between 2013 and 2018?***

***How many women were given the abortion pill in your district and were 8 weeks pregnant or more when they received it, in each year between 2013 and 2018?***

***What is the latest stage of pregnancy a woman had an abortion in your district and for what reason?***

***How many women in your district had an abortion due to physical health concerns if the pregnancy was to continue? (Please break these figures down by each year between 2013 and 2018)***

***How many women in your district had an abortion due to mental health concerns if the pregnancy was to continue? (Please break these figures down by each year between 2013 and 2018)***

***Could you please give me an ethnic breakdown of all the women who have had abortions in your district each year between 2013 and 2018? - and could you please include women who were given abortion pills to take home***

***How many women chose to take their pregnancies (foetus, tissue, product etc.) home after the abortion procedure? (Please break these figures down by each year between 2013 and 2018)***

***How many women chose to leave their pregnancies (foetus, tissue, product etc.) at the hospital to be cremated? (Please break these figures down by each year between 2013 and 2018)***

***How many women changed their mind and canceled after their first appointment (or consult), second appointment (or consult), and even on the day? (Please break these figures down by each year between 2013 and 2018).***

Part of the information you have requested is enclosed in the National Women's Annual Clinical Reports and the reports through the Ministry of Justice from the Abortion Supervisory Committee as follows:

<http://nationalwomenshealth.adhb.govt.nz/healthprofessionals/annual-clinical-report/national-womens-annual-clinical-report/>

Chapters 10 and 11 of this document will provide you with some of the information you have requested.

<https://www.justice.govt.nz/tribunals/abortion-supervisory-committee/annual-reports/>

The reports will give you a comprehensive overview of abortions in New Zealand and, through the National Women's Annual Clinical Reports, data for Auckland. .

Your questions cover a very broad range and extend beyond the normal disclosure that could be recorded and coded to be able to measure. Research using clinical records would be required to even attempt to answer your questions and, quite beyond the time and ethical issues of searching client files, would take extensive resources.

Apart from the information provided, we have decided to refuse your request on the grounds of section 18(f) in that the information could not be made available without substantial collation or research .

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.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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