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Dear Dan

Your Official Information Act request in connection with the Alcohol Advisory Council (ALAC) of New Zealand was directed to the Health Promotion Agency (HPA).

ALAC was disestablished in 2012 and its functions transferred to HPA.

HPA's internal policy states that HPA does not fund alcohol purchases either at events run by the organisation or for work related business activity.

HPA funded purchase of alcohol may be approved in exceptional circumstances but would require prior approval from a General Manager or the Chief Executive.

To obtain this information would require us to drill down through each of the expense and project codes over five years to identify and separate out the item requested. This would significantly and unreasonably interfere with the operations of HPA.

We therefore advise the request is declined under section 18 (f) of the Official information Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Please note that under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to request a review of this decision by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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