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Tēnā koe Jenny

Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00029649

Thank you for your follow-up email re a previous request (HNZ00012585) on 6 April 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Please explain the discrepancies in numbers in your OIA response;

You stated that: 767 abortions up to 13 weeks, 17 abortions 14 to 19 weeks, 1 abortion 20 to 25 weeks which totals 785 abortions. However, when asked the total number of medical and surgical abortions you said:

Medical = 210

Surgical = 578

This means that 3 abortions aren't accounted for. Please explain.

Furthermore, your "no response" to my question about where cremated remains are scattered is evasive.”

I am sorry for the delay in responding to you. Your follow up request was overlooked and not progressed as it should have been. This is something we are striving to ensure does not happen in the future.

Regarding your request, the three terminations not accounted for were coded as ‘unspecified gestation period’. This is likely due to the diagnostic, investigation, procedure sheet, sent to the coders not including the gestation. Normal practice would be for the coders to request the information from the clinical team, which has not happened in this situation. We have reviewed the files, and the three previously not accounted for were up to 13 weeks’ gestation, a total of 770 terminations carried out at Rotorua Hospital up to 13 weeks.

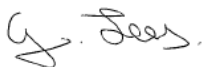
How to get in touch

Again, my apologies for the delay in providing this response.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz. If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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