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By email: fyi-request-22073-c9f9b06d@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: H2023021669

Tēnā koe

Transfer of your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 12 March 2023. You requested:

"I would like to know is what are the figures for the last 5 years on the numbers of people turning up at A&E departments in the different health boards in New Zealand?"

I have been advised that this information is more closely connected to the functions of Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to Te Whatu Ora under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. You can expect a response from their agency in due course.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, na

Acting Manager, OIA Services

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COPY OF OIA REQUEST

From: M Leathart <fyi-request-22073-c9f9b06d@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Sent: Sunday, 12 March 2023 18:32 **To:** OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Official Information request - Numbers of people accessing hospital Accident and

Emergency

Dear Ministry of Health,

I have been hearing a lot about the long wait times etc at Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments in hospitals in New Zealand.

I am aware some of this is due to insufficient staff, as reported on the news.

What I would like to know is what are the figures for the last 5 years on the numbers of people turning up at A&E departments in the different health boards in New Zealand? If you could do totals on a yearly basis that would be great.

Yours faithfully, M Leathart