

16 January 2025

Lauren Doocy

By email: fyi-request-29029-7332f891@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Ms Doocy

Re: Information request

Our ref: E24HDC01474/NRO

Thank you for your email of 29 November 2024 requesting *“The audit reports you link to, doesn't provide any independent assessment either that HDC is achieving its legislated goal nor that its approach is aligned with best practice. Please clarify whether this has ever occurred, and if so, please provide a copy of the report from that assessment.”*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

There has been no specific independent assessment conducted on how the Office of the Health and Disability Commissioner achieves its legislative goals or aligns with best practice. Therefore, we refuse your request pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

HDC's performance in respect to these matters is reported in annual financial audits, our annual reports, and the Statement of Performance Expectations. The Statement of Performance Expectations sets out the annual performance targets for HDC and the activities we will undertake to achieve them. This information can be found on our website [here](#).

HDC's performance in relation to legislative goals and how we align with best practice is also examined by Parliament in the Health Committee's Annual Review of the Health and Disability Commissioner. You can find the questions the Health Committee asked our office, HDC's responses to these questions, and the Final Reports of the Health Committee on [Parliament's website](#). The Ministry of Health also monitors HDC's performance.

You may seek a review of this decision from the Office of the Ombudsman or the Privacy Commissioner.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Jane King
Associate Commissioner Legal