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Via email: fyi-request-2940-9c1c288c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Soar

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your request dated 15 July 2015 under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for information relating to antiemetic, pain relief and antiepileptic medication.

You asked for information relating to the annual total cost paid by PHARMAC or authorised by PHARMAC, using the latest year for which figures are available, for funding the purchase of the following:

- Every antiemetic medication, name and annual cost.
- Every pain relief medication, name and annual cost.
- Every antiepileptic medication, name and annual cost.

Please find the requested data relating your request attached. Please note the following:

- The data presented is for the period 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015.
- In the Pharmaceutical Schedule, there are no pharmaceutical classifications or categories which have the name 'antiemetic medication', 'pain relief medication' or 'antiepileptic medication'. Instead, we have provided data from the pharmaceutical categories: anti-nausea and vertigo agents, analgesics, and antiepilepsy drugs.
- The data provides the chemical name, and the drug cost which is the gross cost, excluding GST.
- The data includes currently listed pharmaceuticals, and those dispensed under funding with NPPA approval(s) and/or other exceptional situations in the given period.

We trust that this information answers your queries, if you have any further questions please feel free to contact us again.

Yours sincerely



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