

30 October 2015

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Ref: H201505122

Dear Alex Harris

Regarding request for official information to the Ministry of Health

Thank you for your request for official information, received on 21 October 2015, requesting:

All advice (e.g. cabinet papers, briefing notes, aides memoire, but excluding emails unless they constituted formal advice) on the new childhood obesity package. I am particularly interested in advice around sugar taxes and why they were not pursued as a policy measure.

The Ministry has publically released information which falls within the scope of your request. This information can be viewed at:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/obesity/childhood-obesity-plan/childhood-obesity-plan-background-information>

The Ministry considers that this information substantively meets your request and therefore your request is refused under Section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982. Should there be additional information that you are seeking that is not covered in the link above please feel free to write back to the Ministry refining your request.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request for information.

Yours sincerely



Liz McMillan
Manager