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Partial Transfer of request for official information to Counties Manukau District Health Board.

Dear Mr Lamborn

Thank you for your request for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 23 May 2018 requesting:

“Please answer the following questions, in a searchable and accessible format:

- a. What technique did the Walker team use for vaginoplasty?*
- b. When searching for a replacement vaginoplasty surgeon, what, if any, technique did the ministry prefer that its candidates be skilled in? What review or investigation did the ministry conduct to determine which techniques are preferable?*
- c. When searching for phalloplasty surgeons overseas, what, if any, technique did the ministry prefer that its surgeons perform? What review or investigation did the ministry conduct to determine which techniques are preferable?*
- d. What surgical techniques (for both vaginoplasty and phalloplasty) are to be performed by Dr Rita Yang?”*

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) does not hold all the information you requested. However, the Ministry has been advised that some of the information you requested is more closely associated with the functions of the Counties Manukau District Health Board (the CMDHB).

As a result, the Ministry in consultation with the CMDHB have decided to partially transfer your request to the CMDHB under section 14 of the Act.

The specific part of your request that is being transferred to the Counties Manukau DHB is:

“What surgical techniques (for both vaginoplasty and phalloplasty) are to be performed by Dr Rita Yang?”

You can expect an acknowledgement of the transfer of your request from CMDHB in due course.

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

Yours sincerely



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