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Ref: H201805094

Dear Katrina,

**Response to your request for official information**

I refer to your official information request dated 20 July 2018, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), for the following information:

1. *Number of children under 15 years identified with disability 2008-2018.*
2. *The type of disability of number of children in point 5.*
3. *The ethnicity of children under 15 years identified with disability 2008-2018.*
4. *Number of Māori children with identified disability per region 2008-2018.*
5. *Number of Māori children with identified disability per Iwi affiliation 2008-2018.*

The following information is publically available on the Ministry's website and may be of use to you:

Demographic Report on Clients Allocated the Ministry of Health's Disability Support Services  
<https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/demographic-report-clients-allocated-ministry-healths-disability-support-services-september-2016>

Regional Data Explorer  
[https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2014-17-regional-update/w\\_b6b5e4a8/#!/home](https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2014-17-regional-update/w_b6b5e4a8/#!/home)

The Act enables people to request official information from Ministers and agencies, including the Ministry of Health (the Ministry). However the information you are seeking in this case, is not held by the Ministry and would need to be created in order to respond to your request.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982, because the Ministry does not hold any official information.

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

Yours sincerely



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**Office of the Director-General**