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Dear Thai Quoc Khanh

Response to your request for official information

I refer to your email of 28 September 2018 to the Ministry of Health requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *The number of inpatients (or discharges) in age groups at each DHB from 2009 to 2017; if possible, please classify into ethnic group.*
2. *The population in each DHB from 2009 to 2017; if possible, please separate into ethnic group.*
3. *Age and sex distribution for each DHB every year (2009 - 2017).*
4. *Socio-economic status measures used for each DHB every year (2009 - 2017).*
5. *The readmission data for each DHB from 2009 - 2017*

The attached separate spreadsheets contain information to respond to parts 1, 2, 3 and 5 of your request.

On 9 October 2018, you clarified part 4 of your request to define socio-economic status as:

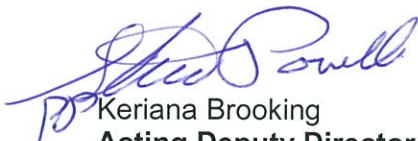
- a. *Average income (household or person) in each DHB or the indicator that reflect the imbalance of wealth;*
- b. *Unemployment rate in each DHB; or*
- c. *The percentage (or number per 1,000 people) of obesity, smoking, and drinking in each DHB.*

The Ministry does not hold information using the indicators that you have provided. Therefore, I refuse part 4 of your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the Ministry.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that the Ministry may publish this response (with your personal details removed) and any attachments in the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely



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