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Dear Ms Hodson

**Response to your request for official information**

I refer to your request of 30 November 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

*"I would like to request the following information from you: The total number of patients in New Zealand prescribed thyroid medications, by medication name e.g. Eltroxin, Synthroid, Cytomol, Goldshield for each of the following years: 2017, 2018 (i.e. separate figure for each of these years). If it is not possible to provide the breakdown by medication name then I would like the total number of patients prescribed medications for each of these years."*

The data relating to your request is attached to this response. The data for the 2018 calendar year is not yet complete, so the data has been provided for the financial year periods of 2016/17 and 2017/18.

I trust this information fulfils your request.

Please note that this letter, with your personal details removed, and attachments may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely



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