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Ref: H201900099

Dear Cody

Response to your request for official information

I refer to your request of 14 January 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

"Please provide the number of occurrences of Fraudulently Obtained payments and the number of occurrences of Withheld Payments under the Voluntary Bonding Scheme, if any, along with a brief description of each occurrence."

The information relating to this request is itemised below:

- Between the time when the first Scheme payments were made in 2012 and 31 December 2018, 4,299 payments have been made to 1,956 individuals.
- The Ministry is not aware of any fraudulently obtained payments, and therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.
- Claims from 156 individuals have been formally declined by the Ministry, on the basis that the applicants have not met the Terms and Conditions for payment.
- 378 additional individuals have supplied information which indicates they have not met the Terms and Conditions to be eligible for payment. These individuals have not formally applied for or been declined payment.
- A brief description of every decline is not readily available due to the way 'decline' records are kept (on an individual case-file basis). Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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 this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely



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