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Re: Official Information Act request – Remains of surgical abortions

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 26 November 2019 requesting additional information to our response to you of 12 November 2019. You request the following information:

In terms of the 3 pathways for remains of abortion, that is:

- 1. Cremation**
- 2. Taking the tissue home**
- 3. Research on placental function**

Would you please advise of the frequency, that is, how many, were processed for each pathway for the last three years of records?

We do not routinely collect this data therefore we are declining your request under section 18(f) because the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Also, for pathway 3, what is the name of the institute that utilises abortion remains?

The University of Auckland, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive