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Dear Stephanie

Official Information Act Request – Inspections of brothels or home-based sex work

Under section 14 of the Official Information Act, the Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) received a transfer of your request from the Ministry of Health on 8 July 2019. You requested the following information:

Could you provide the statistics of how many inspections have been carried out of (a) establishments and (b) homes in respect of sections 24 to 29 of the Prostitution Reform Act from 2003 until 2019, by year. To avoid doubt, these are inspections of licenses brothels or home-based sex work to ensure that Health and Safety standards are adhered to.

Can you provide statistics on how many investigations or prosecutions of breaches of health and safety have resulted from the above inspections for the same period, by year.

Of the number of investigations, please provide data on what proportion of investigations and prosecutions relate to owner-operators versus licensed brothels.

Whanganui District Health Board's response:

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Please refer to the table below. Over this period three were routine visits, and one visit (in 2007) in response to a complaint from the public. All were to brothels.

	Number of inspections carried out		
Year	TOTAL	Brothels	Home-based sex work
2003	0	0	0
2004	2	2	0
2005	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0
2007	1	1	0
2008	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0
2011	1	1	0
2012	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0

Can you provide statistics on how many investigations or prosecutions of breaches of health and safety have resulted from the above inspections for the same period, by year.

Refer to the table below. There have been no prosecutions.

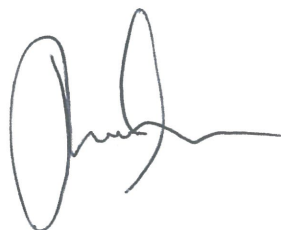
	Number of investigations or prosecutions of breaches of Health & Safety following inspection		
Year	TOTAL	Brothels	Home-based sex work
2003	0	0	0
2004	0	0	0
2005	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0
2008	0	0	0
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2013	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0

Of the number of investigations, please provide data on what proportion of investigations and prosecutions relate to owner-operators versus licensed brothels.

100 per cent of visits/investigations related to brothels. There have been no prosecutions.

Should you have any further queries, please contact, contact our acting OIA co-ordinator Maree Langford at Maree.Langford@wdhb.co.nz.

Yours sincerely

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Russell Simpson
Chief Executive