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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request received on 08 July 2019 via The Ministry of Health requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982, regarding Prostitution Reform Act 2003. You requested:

“Could you provide the statistics of how many inspections have been carried out of (a) establishments and (b) homes in respect of section 24 to 29 of the Prostitution Reform Act from 2003 until 2019, by year. To avoid doubt, these are inspections of licensed 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.”

The information pertaining to your request is below and answers your questions for the three DHB; Hutt Valley, Capital & Coast and Wairarapa.

Question 1:

“Could you provide the statistics of how many inspections have been carried out of (a) establishments and (b) homes in respect of section 24 to 29 of the Prostitution Reform Act from 2003 until 2019, by year”?

Year	Establishment Inspections	Home Inspections
2003 - 2014	0	0
2015	13	0
2016	1	0
2017	1	0
2018	1	0
2019 (Jan-July)	0	0

Question 2:

"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"?

No investigations or prosecutions of breaches of health and safety have resulted from the above inspections.

Question 3

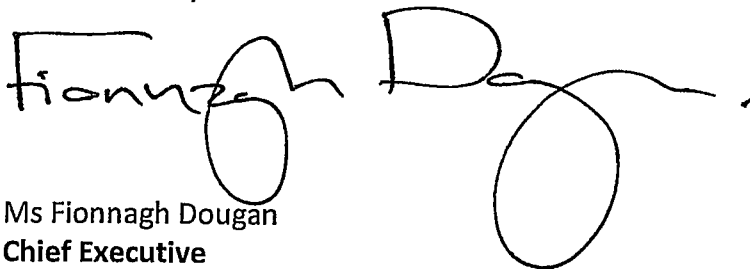
"Of the number of investigations, please provide data on what proportion of investigations and prosecutions relate to owner-operators versus licensed brothels."?

No owner operators have been the subject of complaints, investigations or prosecutions.

I trust this information fulfils your request.

You have the right to seek a review, under section 28(3) of the Act, by way of a complaint to the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fionnagh Dougan', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Ms Fionnagh Dougan
Chief Executive
Hutt Valley District Health Board