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**RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10068**

I refer to your email dated 21 February 2019 to the Ministry of Health and subsequently partially transferred to us on 21 March 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding the use of New Zealand's ambulance services by non-residents and tourists over the past five years.

- 1. How many times over the past five years did non-residents needed emergency ambulance assistance?**
- 2. How much have emergency assistance ambulance trips for non-residents cost over the past five years?**
- 3. How much have non-urgent patient transfers of non-residents cost over the past five years?**
- 4. What were the top five most expensive ambulance trips for non-residents?**
- 5. Which districts had the most expensive ambulance costs for non-residents?**

Canterbury DHB does not hold this information. We are therefore declining your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

If you disagree with our decision to withhold information you may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek an investigation and review of our decision from the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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 Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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