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RE Official information request CDHB 9887

We refer to your email dated 4 July 2018 requesting information from Canterbury DHB regarding the Yaldhurst Air Quality Monitoring Programme between December 2017 and concluded prior to June 2018.

The information you have requested is as follows:

- 1. All written correspondence between Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) staff and any entity involved with, is party to, or who has interest in the monitoring including:
 - Notes, memos, emails, meeting minutes, and other written correspondence.
 - Formal and informal correspondence pertaining to the monitoring. *The time frame is as follows: June 2017 up to and including July 1st 2018*. This time frame is therefore to include preparatory meetings, discussions etc.
 - Any correspondence or documentation created whilst the monitoring was in progress.
- 2. Any correspondence or documentation created after the monitoring was concluded. This is to include reports created with details of all parties involved in the preparing of the reports, and source material used in compiling the reports including :
 - Studies and names of associated experts utilised or referred to, which confirm dust containing PM 10 is only a nuisance and does not pose a potentially serious risk to health.
- 3. All correspondence between any employee of, or consultant used by CDHB and any employee of, or consultant used by ECAN who was involved in any aspect of the monitoring (at any stage prior, during or subsequently) or who was involved in the evaluation of results / production of resulting reports and documentation.

4. This is to also include the correspondence relating to the personal monitoring programme which was run in tandem with the fore mentioned monitoring programme.

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Regarding question 2 (point 1) above, the Canterbury DHB does not hold any information related to studies which confirm dust containing PM 10 is only a nuisance and does not pose a potentially serious risk to health. We are therefore declining this part of that question under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

We estimate that to provide a response to your overall request would take in excess of 30 hours; we are therefore declining your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act i.e. "...the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research".

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.

Environment Canterbury is the lead agency for the in-home monitoring and Yaldhurst Air Quality Monitoring programme for which you have requested the above information. As lead agency Environment Canterbury have made publicly available, documentation relating to these two programmes. This can be found on their website: <u>www.ecan.govt.nz/quarries</u>. We understand there is also further information which will be made publically available on the ECAN website in the near future.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website ten working days after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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