

Subject: RE: Your Official Information Act Request - for specified information on presentation and policy information

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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your Official Information Act request of 16 January 2014, where you sought detailed information regarding Dr Bratt's presentation 'Ready, Steady, Crook' and his meetings with other health professionals. Further to this request and your subsequent complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman, we are able to provide you with further clarification regarding the questions you believe were not fully answered:

question one: Whether the information obtained from GPs related to a specified time period? The survey was carried out in 2010 at several large National General Practitioner Organisations' annual conferences. No time period was specified for responses to apply to. The date, 2010, is on the subject heading of the survey sheet - as already provided

question three: No response to part c) of the question - The purpose of the survey question was to gauge the extent to which GPs are aware of additional "external" pressures on them when completing Medical Certificates. No in-depth analysis was possible on the basis of a simple self-reported survey sheet. The responding GPs were not asked the questions - they were just handed the survey sheet to complete and return to Dr Bratt if and when they chose to do so

question four: No clarification of whether the statistical information relates to persons ever returning to any work, or whether the person may never return to the same kind of job or work previously undertaken - It is Dr Bratt's understanding that the Australian/New Zealand statistics quoted relate to the likelihood of a person having being out of work unintentionally for a period of time ever returning to their original job or a similar one. You have already been supplied with the reference

question 10: Exact times, dates and types of contacts with the listed professionals were not provided - Dr Bratt does not keep a record of the times, dates, and types of contacts he has had with the listed professionals or anyone else. Dr Bratt's emails from that period have been deleted. Many contacts were personal to Dr Bratt. Dr Bratt has never had any contact with Professor Waddell.

We hope you find this information helpful.

The Office of the Ombudsman has been forwarded a copy of this email. They will be in touch in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Ombudsman and Privacy Complaint Services

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