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Thank you for your letter and email of 16 January 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, detailed information regarding Dr Bratt's presentation 'Ready, Steady, Crook' and his meetings with other health professionals.

Dr Bratt's presentations are designed as interactive workshops with medical professionals. The slides are merely a prompt and do not provide the context of the discussions. There are no transcripts of these discussions.

Statistics in the presentation 'Ready, Steady, Crook'

The majority of references which highlight the adverse effects of worklessness are readily available in the Position Paper "Realising the Health Benefits of Work" produced by the Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. A further reference list is available in the paper commissioned by the United Kingdom Department of Health and the Department of Work and Pensions by Dame Carol Black entitled "Working for a Healthier Tomorrow".

The figures showing the likelihood of return to work are from the following papers:

- Campbell Research and Consulting. 2008/09 Australia & New Zealand Return to Work Monitor. Melbourne: The Heads of Workers Compensation Authorities; 2009
- "RTW trends in Australia and New Zealand. Dr Mary Wyatt, 2009 which is publicly available at <http://www.rtwmatters.org/publications/all-jurisdictions-rtw-monitor-part-1/>.
- Johnson D, Fry T. "Factors Affecting Return to Work after Injury: A study for the Victorian WorkCover Authority. Melbourne: Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research; 2002

Please find enclosed a copy of the *Work and Income Medical Certificate Survey – 2010* and the results of that survey which featured in Dr Bratt's presentation 'Ready, Steady, Crook.'

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Lucy Ratcliffe's Article

With regards to Dr Bratt's statement quoted by Lucy Ratcliffe – the figures were taken from a presentation by Sir Mansel Aylward to a representative group of medical professionals from various medical colleges in 2012. The study was independently undertaken by Cardiff University where recipients of a disability-related benefit were interviewed to help identify the key factors that prevented their return to the workforce.

Dr Bratt and Other Practitioners

Sir Mansel Aylward was invited to New Zealand by Sir Peter Gluckman, the Chief Science Advisor, to review the 'Growing Up in New Zealand' study. In June 2013 Sir Mansel Aylward returned to New Zealand to present his report into the study. During his visits to the Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Dr Bratt met with him to discuss the extensive work he has been involved with about the adverse health effects of worklessness. At the invitation of the New Zealand Medical Association Sir Mansel Aylward was a keynote speaker at the General Practitioner Conference and Medical Exhibition in Rotorua in June 2013 where he addressed over 900 General Practitioners. Prior and subsequent to this visit, Dr Bratt had numerous email and phone conversations with Sir Mansel Aylward to confirm the travel arrangements and conference details.

Dr David Beaumont is an occupational medicine physician who is the President-Elect of the Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. He was co-chair of the group that collated the Position Paper on "Realising the Health Benefits of Work". Dr Beaumont does not and has never worked at the Ministry. He was part of the external advisory committee representing the various health and disability organisations that the Ministry co-ordinated regarding the Welfare Reform programme. Dr Bratt's contact with Dr Beaumont was limited to facilitating meetings with Sir Mansel Aylward.

Dr Bratt has not met with or had any correspondence with Professor Gordon Waddell.

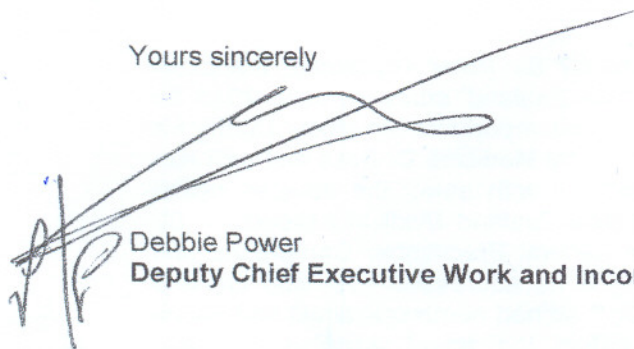
The remainder of your request for information is very broad and substantial manual collation would be required to locate and prepare all of the information within scope of your request. As such I refuse the balance of your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this occasion. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DP', is written over the typed name and title.

Debbie Power
Deputy Chief Executive Work and Income



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Te Hiranga Tangata

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Work and Income Medical Certificate Survey - 2010

1. How many Work and Income medical certificates would you typically complete in an average week?
 - a) 0 to 2
 - b) 3 to 5
 - c) 6 to 10
 - d) 11 or more

2. Which version of the medical certificate do you use?
 - a) Work and Income paper version
 - b) Outbox document
 - c) Medtech Advanced form

3. How do you enter the patient's diagnosis on the certificate?
 - a) READ code only
 - b) Diagnosis only
 - c) Both

4. How easy do you find the certificate to complete?
(Easy) 1...2...3...4...5...6...7...8...9...10 (Very confusing)

5. Have you felt or been pressured to complete a medical certificate for any of the following reasons:

a) To provide income for your patient	Yes / No
b) Because you believed there was no work available	Yes / No
c) Intimidation or sense of threat	Yes / No
d) Perception of Work and Income pressure	Yes / No
e) Belief that Work and Income are not working with the client	Yes / No

6. Have you been contacted by Work and Income to clarify information on the medical certificate or to gain further information to assist Work and Income to ascertain medical eligibility?
Yes / No

If yes, how effective was the interaction for you and your patient?
(Ineffective) 1...2...3...4...5 (Effective)

7. If you indicated on the medical certificate that you required contact from Work and Income, was this followed up?
Yes / No Not applicable

8. In your area, do your patient's have access to the appropriate services (e.g. mild to moderate mental health) to assist them to return to employment?
(Good access) 1...2...3...4...5...6...7...8...9...10 (No services)

Work and Income medical certificate survey 2010

Total Responses	626				664				624				619				611	601	603	607	587	627
Count	190	266	135	35	212	162	290	61	158	405	n/a		432	242	182	331	182			391		
% of Responses	30%	42%	22%	6%	32%	24%	44%	10%	25%	65%	n/a		71%	40%	30%	55%	31%			62%		
Average	n/a				n/a				4.60				n/a				n/a					
Min	n/a				n/a				1				n/a				n/a					
Max	n/a				n/a				10				n/a				n/a					

Question	1. How many Work and Income medical certificates would you typically complete in an average week?				2. Which version of the medical certificate do you use?			3. How do you enter the patient's diagnosis?			4. On a scale of one to ten how easy do you find the form to complete?	5. Have you felt pressured at time to complete a medical certificate? (Y / N)					6. Have you been contacted by Work and Income to assist with clarity on medical eligibility?
Scale	a) 0 to 2	b) 3 to 5	c) 5 to 10	d) 11 +	a) Work and Income paper form	b) Outbox document	c) MedTech Advanced form	a) READ code	b) Diagnosis only	c) Both	(Score)	a) I provide income for my patient	b) because you believed there is no work available	c) intimidation or sense of threat	d) perception of Work and Income pressure	e) belief that Work and Income were not doing anything	(Y / N)
1			y				y			y	8	y	n	n	y	n	y
2	y				y				y		7	y	n	n	n	n	y
3			y		y				y		3	y	y	y	n	y	y
4		y			y					y	3	y	n	h	n	n	y
5			y				y			y	3	y	y	y	y	n	y
6	y					y				y	3	y	n	n	n	n	n
7		y			y				y		4	y	n	n	y	n	y
8	y					y			y		9	y	n	n	n	n	n
9		y					y			y	1	y	n	n	n	n	n
10		y					y			y	4	y	n	n	n	y	n
11	y						y		y		y	y	n	n	y	n	n

	387	623			606
n/a	175	206	241	n/a	
n/a	28%	33%	39%	n/a	
	3.72	n/a			5.40
	1	n/a			1
	5	n/a			10

(Score)	7. If you indicated on the medical certificate that you wished to be contacted by Work and Income, were you?			(Score)
	Yes	No	n/a	
5	y			8
4			y	5
5	y			9
4			y	3
3			y	5
			y	6
4	y			7
	y			6
	y			3
	y			4

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