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Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 15 January 2020 for:

"Can you tell me of the 31 audits that are either completed or in the process, How many of those are independent audiology practices, Hospital Audiology services or corporate audiology practices (Bay, Triton, Hearing life, audika, Bloom, Dilworth) Can you also tell me if the funds recovered were from an independent, Hospital service, or corporate practice? Of the 5 practices where the audit is not going ahead, would they be Independent, hospital or corporate?"

Of the 31 audiology practice audits completed or in progress, 26 are corporate audiology practices and five are independent audiology practices. All five practices where the audits are not going ahead were independent, however two of these practices have been purchased by corporates.

The funds recovered as a result of the audit were from a corporate audiology practice.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely



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