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By email: s 9(2)(a)  
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### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 30 January 2022 for information relating to multiple sclerosis funding applications. You specifically requested:

- "1] The number of applications for funding for aHSCT for Multiple Sclerosis that have been received and processed by the Ministry since 1 January 2017  
2] How many of these have been approved.  
3] How many have been declined and  
4] The reasons why the applications were declined."*

Between 1 January 2017 and 8 February 2022, the High Cost Treatment Pool has received no applications from District Health Board (DHB) specialists for funding for autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplants for Multiple Sclerosis.

I trust this fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases).

Nāku noa, nā



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