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Ref: H201805772

Dear [REDACTED]

### Response to your request for official information

I refer to your request of 16 August 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

- "1. A full dated list of groups and individuals who have applied for money from the Criminal Proceeds Recovery Act fund since the act was enacted. Could I also be provided with details on the amount of money applied for and reason/s for applying for the money.*
- 2. A full dated list of the successful applications and the amount of money that was paid out to the group or individual.*
- 3. A full dated list of denied applications and reasons why they were denied."*

In relation to questions one and two of your request please refer to Appendix One for a summary table, listing all applications made for funding by Government agencies to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) as the secretariat of the Proceeds of Crime Fund.

The table shows a summary of applications from 2013-2016. A summary for 2017 does not exist as no funding round was held in 2017. However an allocation to Auckland City Mission was approved outside of the round for \$16.7 million to support integrated health and social services.

Please note that the summary table in Appendix One excludes proposals that did not meet the criteria and/or the supporting Inter-Agency Committee on Drugs (IACD) partner agencies' prioritisation primary round. Proposals are initially screened, assessed and prioritised within each eligible agency. The Ministry does not have access to initial proposals developed by partner agencies.

In relation to question three of your request, Appendix Two details the declination reasons for Proceeds of Crime bids.

I trust this information fulfils your request.

Yours sincerely



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**Appendix One: Summary table of Proceeds of Crime Proposals that met the criteria 2013 to 2016**

	2013 Proposals (announced 25 Nov 2013)	Agencies	Cost	Status	Brief description
1	Supported and Residential Accommodation for participants of the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court (AODT Court)	Health	\$1,000,000	Approved	Provide suitable supported accommodation or residential treatment services for high risk/ high needs cohort of community based offenders who need to attend day alcohol and other drug programmes.
2	South China Project	Police	\$1,000,000	Approved	Police liaison officer in China.
3	Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment (AODT) Court (additional funding for court operating costs, includes defence counsel and prosecution costs)	Justice	\$2,856,000 over 4 year \$714,000 approved for 1 year only	Approved	AODT Court is a five year pilot designed to supervise offenders whose offending is driven by their alcohol or other drug dependency by providing judicial oversight of their engagement with treatment programmes and rehabilitation support services.
4	Recovery of legal costs for civil recovery actions under the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009 (CPRA)	Police	\$780,000 \$600,000 approved	Approved	This proposal is for funding for the recovery of legal costs for civil recovery actions taken under the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009.
5	Enhanced frontline screening	Customs	\$335,000	Approved	Portable device for initial screening and drug screening laboratory.
6	Analysis of seized methamphetamine samples (Drug Signature Programme)	Customs	\$320,000	Approved	Testing of large and smaller methamphetamine samples to provide a comprehensive picture of the methamphetamine scene in New Zealand.
7	Roll out of cash dog training programme	Police	\$200,000	Approved	Training programme which enables drug search dogs to detect cash as well as drugs.

8	Increased engagement with Chinese enforcement agencies	Customs	\$100,000	Approved	Build on current cooperative relationship with Chinese enforcement agencies.
9	Reducing the Impact of Volatile Substances	Health	\$460,000, scaled back to \$68,000 for media guidelines only	Approved	Funding for media guidelines only. The proposal to fund the position of a volatile substance abuse outreach worker role was not funded.
10	Study into cost benefits of treatment and intervention	Health	\$350,000	Declined	Proposal to provide an increased understanding of the effectiveness and cost benefit of interventions and treatment.
<b>2014 Proposals (announced 26 May 2014)</b>					
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1	Police – Expanding asset recovery capability	Police	\$1,867,000	Approved	Expand capability in the Asset Recovery Units by addition of ten investigators/ analysts.
2	Health – Improving outcomes for pregnant women and mothers with substance use disorders	Health	\$2.716m over 3 years, scaled backed to \$1.811m over 2 years	Approved	Expand pregnancy and parental pilot service in Auckland to have greater geographic reach and treat a further 100 families per annum.
3	Police – Recovery of legal costs for civil recovery actions taken under the CPRA	Police	\$835,000	Approved	This proposal is for funding for the recovery of legal costs for civil recovery actions taken under the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009.
4	Corrections – Understanding Prisoners' Comorbid Substance Misuse and Mental Health Disorders to Improve Treatment	Corrections	\$960,000 scaled back to \$650,000	Approved	Study in co-existing substance and mental health disorders amongst New Zealand prisoners. The prevalence of comorbid substance abuse and mental health disorders

	Assignment and Reduce Re-offending				has not been previously investigated in New Zealand.
5	Police – Expansion of National Cannabis and Crime Operation	Police	\$1.144m, scaled back to \$490,000	Approved	Increase flying hours to locate and destroy cannabis plants.
6	Police – Digital Communication Infiltration and Detection	Police	\$679,000, scaled back to \$394,000	Approved	Purchase of software and equipment.
7	Corrections – Whanau Interventions for Residential Alcohol and Other Drug Clients in the Community	Corrections	\$400,000, scaled back to \$300,000	Approved	Re-connect offenders in receipt of NGO provided Alcohol and Other Drugs services to their whanau.
8	Health – Updating the New Zealand Drug Harm Index	Health	\$200,000	Approved	Joint proposal with Customs and Police to obtain information on the social cost of illicit drug use.
9	Justice – Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment (AODT) Court costs	Justice	\$587,000, scaled back to \$105,000	Approved	Full time coordinator in each of the two AODT courts pilot.
10	Psychoactive Substances Act Education and Awareness	Health	\$500,000, scaled back to \$200,000	Declined	Public health education and awareness programmes for psychoactive substances.
11	Parental Program Pilot	Health	\$2,000,000	Declined	Pilot and evaluate a parenting programme to improve the parenting skills of parents with substance use disorders and other mental health issues. The proposal needed further development.
12	Paid worker to support the Auckland Regional Methamphetamine Action Group	Health	\$150,000	Declined	Proposal to fund a coordinator position to enable the expansion the work of the Auckland Regional Methamphetamine Action Group. Insufficient evidence the proposal would make

					a meaningful difference.
	<b>2015 Proposals (announced 16 Dec 2015)</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
1	Police – Legal Costs Recovery under Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act	Police	\$880,000	Approved	This proposal is for funding for the recovery of legal costs for civil recovery actions taken under the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009.
2	Police – Auckland & Christchurch Wastewater Analysis for Illicit Drug Use	Police	\$220,000	Approved	Wastewater analysis will provide a valuable opportunity for NZ to obtain hard data from which to assess current trends, emerging risks, prioritise responses and compare ourselves against our international partners.
3	Police – National Cannabis and Crime Operation: Increased Investment to Reduce Social Harm	Police	\$721,000	Approved	This proposal seeks to reduce social harm from cannabis cultivation by increasing flying hours deployed by the National Cannabis and Crime Operation and by engaging a dedicated intelligence analyst on a one-year contract to support the programme.
4	Health – Development of a Standard for the remediation of properties with methamphetamine-related contamination (1 year)	Health	\$63,677	Approved	This proposal seek funding to develop a New Zealand Standard for the remediation of property with methamphetamine-related contamination.
5	Health – Purchase of psychoactive substance reference samples to support prosecutions	Health	\$60,000	Approved	This proposal is seeking one-off funding to purchase a set of reference samples for

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	for psychoactive offences				psychoactive substance confirmatory testing. Determining by way of testing or by legal judgement whether a substance is (or is not) a psychoactive substance can form part of an Early Warning System in NZ for all agencies involved
6	Customs – Purchase of FirstDefender substance identification instruments	Customs (jointly with Police)	\$ 842,893	Approved	This proposal seeks funding to purchase 12 FirstDefender RM substance identification instruments for deployment to most Custom ports to provide nation-wide coverage and capacity of this highly effective detection technology for Customs Officers and Police Districts, and to provide operative level training for their use.
7	Health – Strengthen education, intelligence and enforcement around drugs in sport, with a focus on youth.	Health	\$300,000	Approved	Research and delivery of education seminars to young people. Note: Details of the proposal were excluded from health report H20150853 as it was a late submission.
8	Police – Increased Capacity for the Northern Electronic Crime Laboratory	Police	\$483,604	Approved	This proposal is for funding of dedicated computer forensic support for organised crime and drug investigations.
9	Police – Police Mobile Application to Screen and Refer for Alcohol Treatment	Police	\$40,000	Approved	This proposal is for funding to develop a mobile phone application for Police to screen and refer offenders with alcohol disorders and smoking addiction to health providers, such as community alcohol and other drug services or GPs.
10	Health – Developing a youth-relevant alcohol brief intervention toolkit (2 years)	Health	\$150,000	Approved	The proposal seek to develop a suite of

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					resources that primary care could use to provide more developmentally appropriate SBIRT (screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment) for young people.
11	Justice – Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court – additional funding for court operating costs (funding for second court coordinator)	Justice	\$210,000 \$105,000	Approved	In the 2014 Proceeds of Crime funding round, only one year of further funding was awarded to the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court pilot for a second Court Coordinator. A continuation of this funding for a further 12 months is being sought.
12	Customs – Pilot Hong Kong Operational Post (2 years)	Customs	\$760,000	Approved	This proposal seeks to post a Customs Liaison Officer to Hong Kong for two years to support multilateral operational activity and facilitate information exchange with regional partners including Hong Kong and Taiwan Customs to disrupt and dismantle the transnational organised criminal networks supplying methamphetamine and precursors to NZ.
13	Health – First steps package for preventing, identifying and responding effectively to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD).  Screening for FAS prevalence and identifying the links between alcohol use in pregnancy and developmental outcomes in the GUINZ cohort	Health (jointly with Education)	\$1,000,000 (over 3 years)	Approved	This proposal is a package of complimentary initiatives designed to lay the foundation for a comprehensive, multi-agency approach to prevent, identify and respond effectively to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.
14	Corrections – Whole of Government Detector Dog Breeding Programme	Corrections	\$250,000	Withdrawn	Corrections agreed to resubmit this proposal to show how it aligns with Proceeds of Crime funding criteria, with stronger reference to other agencies.

15	Police – Research to improve understanding of Organised Criminal Finance	Police	\$113,100	Withdrawn	Research proposal.
16	Police – Specialist Fingerprint Equipment to Detect Drug Crime	Police	\$447,914	Withdrawn	Purchase of specialist fingerprint equipment.
17	Extending the reach and intensity of the HPA Alcohol and Pregnancy programme	Health	\$500,000	Withdrawn	Proposal was withdrawn and incorporated into First steps package for preventing, identifying and responding effectively to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.
18	Outreach and support programme to reduce harm among methamphetamine users in the gay community	Health	\$203,629	Withdrawn	Identified as low priority relative to other proposals. Subsequently withdrawn by Health.
19	Health – Undertaking community outreach work to provide education about volatile substance abuse	Health	\$426,500	Withdrawn	Identified as low priority relative to other proposals. Subsequently withdrawn by Health.
20	Health – Development and implementation of NZ-specific prevention standards for people working in AOD prevention, based on international standards developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	Health	\$400,000	Withdrawn	Identified as low priority relative to other proposals. Subsequently withdrawn by Health.
21	Customs – Drivers of Asian Organised Crime Research Project	Customs	\$470,000	Withdrawn	Research proposal.
	<b>2016 Proposals (announced 17 Oct 2016)</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
1	Methamphetamine Targeted Screening and Rehabilitation for Prisoners (2 years)	Corrections	\$2,140,000	Approved	This proposal is a comprehensive package of initiatives designed to characterize the extent to which methamphetamine use is a problem within the New Zealand prison population while simultaneously piloting a treatment programme focussed on methamphetamine use and co-



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					existing problems.
2	Whanau focused support for methamphetamine treatment (Moana House Dunedin, 2 years)	Health	\$900,000	Approved	Moana House has been a key stakeholder as a provider of packages of care particularly catering for those people who have also come via the justice system. The proposal seeks to extend the intensive treatment by 3 beds and further extending our community care work with the addition of two new community positions to support senior residents, ex residents, new methamphetamine referrals and our prison clinics.
3	Whakatika Ora – A local methamphetamine treatment programme for a hard to reach population (Salvation Army & Consultancy Advocacy and Research, 2 years)	Health	\$800,000	Approved	The proposed initiative is a residential treatment service in Wellington for clients who are hard-to-reach, due to criminal history, gang association, etc. The proposed service would be a collaboration between the Salvation Army and CART, a Māori organisation working with the target client group.
4	Pilot of a Whole School Approach to reduce substance-related harm (2 years)	Health	Total over two financial years \$898,000 \$843,000 approved	Approved	This cross-agency proposal is to pilot a 'Whole School Approach' framework to reduce drug harm. The proposed pilot will integrate a range of best practice, evidence-based strategies to prevent and address substance related harm at every level of the school environment.
5	Next steps package for preventing, identifying and responding effectively to fetal alcohol spectrum disorder FASD (2 years)	Health	\$634,000	Approved	This proposal focuses on a range of next steps initiatives that build on the 'first steps' Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) package of prevention, early intervention and support initiatives, including the FASD Growing Up in New Zealand (GUINZ) study.

6	Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court operating and evaluation costs in 2016/17 (1 year)	Justice	\$350,000 approved	Approved	Funding for operation and evaluation of the AODTC.
7	Methamphetamine demand reduction in Northland (1 year)	Police & Health	Total \$5m per year for two years \$3,000,000	Approved	The proposal is to test effectiveness of new models of methamphetamine demand reduction that integrate health and policing responses in districts where methamphetamine-related crime is especially problematic.
8	Recovery of legal costs for actions taken under the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009 (1 year)	Police	\$1,074,000	Approved	Funding of \$1,074,000 for the recovery of legal costs for civil recovery actions taken under the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009 (CPRA).
9	Expansion of Asset Recovery and Financial Investigations (1 year)	Police	\$1,647,000	Approved	This proposal is for funding 17 positions within the Financial Crime Group for the 2016/17 financial year, including the 11 positions in the Asset Recovery Units that were funded by the Proceeds of Crime Fund up to 30 June 2016.
10	Customs presence at International Targeting Centre, Washington DC to target methamphetamine flows into New Zealand from the Americas (2 years)	Customs	\$720,400	Approved	Proposal to establish a New Zealand Customs Analyst Position in the International Targeting Centre in Washington DC for two years to target methamphetamine, precursor and cocaine flows into New Zealand from North, Central and South America.
11	Prevention at Source Project – Identifying and stopping precursors and illicit drugs at source in Southern China (1 year)	Police	\$505,000	Approved	Improving New Zealand Police capability in southern China
12	Multilateral operational activity and information exchange with Hong Kong, China and Taiwan Customs	Customs	\$760,000 (Year 2)	Approved	This proposal seeks to post a Customs Liaison Officer to Hong Kong for two years to support multilateral operational activity and facilitate

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					information exchange with regional partners including Hong Kong and Taiwan Customs to disrupt and dismantle the transnational organised criminal networks supplying methamphetamine and precursors to NZ.
13	Upstream Disruption Project – dismantle the supply of methamphetamine in New Zealand by overseas gangs (2 year)	Customs	Asked for \$1.75 million over three years \$732,000 approved	Approved	This proposal seeks to fund new intelligence opportunities to disrupt and dismantle the supply of methamphetamine and its precursors into New Zealand by transnational organised criminal networks.
14	Dedicated Examination and Exhibiting Facilities (1 year)	Customs	\$568,000	Approved	Proposal to upgrade existing and establish new Customs examination and exhibiting facilities to enable more comprehensive and expedient examination processes for goods and packages (\$946,000 original proposal)
15	Early Warning System for new and emerging illicit substances such as psychoactive substances (1 year)	Health	Asked for \$510,000 \$35,000 approved for scoping	Approved	Proposal to establish an early-warning system (EWS) incorporating information from Police, Customs and Health to enable early identification of high risk substances in New Zealand, and allow agencies to more rapidly identify unknown substances.
16	Tackling the supply-side of sports doping	Health & Drug Free New Zealand	\$320,000	Declined	The initiative proposed to move the anti-doping focus from addressing demand to an intelligence-led approach to breaking supply. Specifically, the ready availability of performance enhancing drugs (PEDs) and where those drugs can be sourced.
17	Re-Directing Offenders from imprisonment to home detention with residential rehabilitation	Corrections	\$900,000	Declined	This initiative proposed to expand on a current Department of Corrections' initiative which provides offenders the opportunity to engage in residential rehabilitation while subject to a

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					community based sentence.
18	Education Package – Methamphetamine Specific	Corrections	\$100,000	Declined	This initiative proposed to source and disseminate information regarding methamphetamine use to offenders. It will specifically focus on providing an improved understanding of the physical and mental effects of methamphetamine use in a simplified format that is easy to understand.
19	Improve Dental Services for Prisoners as a Result of Methamphetamine and other Drug use (2 years)	Corrections	\$1,000,000	Declined	Drug abuse and methamphetamine in particular is very harmful to a person's health including their oral health. This initiative proposed that contracts for dental care are expanded at prisons to allow for additional prisoners to access care.
20	Training Community Work Offenders to Decontaminate Houses (2 years)	Corrections	\$2,000,000	Declined	This initiative proposed to provide Community Work Offenders the ability to gain NCEA qualifications to decontaminate homes exposed to methamphetamine as part of work parties. It intended to help reduce harm caused by methamphetamine use and manufacture in the community.
21	Mobile X-Ray Van	Customs	\$520,000	Declined	This proposal sought to acquire a prototype, purpose-built mobile x-ray van.
22	Oral and Dental Health Care for Opioid Treatment Service Users (2 years)	Health	\$1,900,000	Declined	This initiative proposed to pilot to help identify a referral pathway that can be used to enable drug addicts to access much needed dental care. It will be implemented through the selected DHBs.

23	Walking the Line: Continuity of prisoner AOD and co-existing mental health care during transition and reintegration	Health	\$270,000	Declined	The proposed research was a joint Ministry of Health and Department of Corrections initiative. The research will support the continuity of addiction and co-existing mental health care and integrate this with offender transition and reintegration.
24	Prevention at Source Project – Methamphetamine Investigations Support Officer In Beijing (2 years)	Police	\$196,000 over 2 years	Declined	The initiative proposed to add one new position to the NZ Police Office in Beijing.
25	Prevention at Source Project – Two anti-methamphetamine financial focused staff based in Beijing (2 years)	Police	\$196,000 over 2 years	Declined	The initiative proposed to provide two new positions into the NZ Police Office in Beijing.
26	Communication / Stakeholder resource – methamphetamine; community prevention and organised crime	Police	\$450,000	Declined	This initiative proposed to establish a dedicated communications and stakeholder engagement resource over 24 months to provide the full range of communications activities, insuring a strategic communications approach, continuity and accuracy of messaging, solid relationship management and media immediacy support.

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## **Appendix Two: Summary of Opposed Applications**

In 2013 all nine of the Inter-Agencies Committee on Drug's (IACD) recommended proposals were granted funding, although for a lesser amount than was sought for the following three proposals.

- The Ministry of Justice requested \$2,856,000 to fund its Alcohol and Other Drug Court proposal. Funding was granted for \$714,000 with the option to bid in the future for additional funding (this was subsequently granted in 2014).
- Police requested \$780,000 for recovery of legal costs for civil recovery actions under the CPRA. Funding was granted for \$600,000, in line with average legal costs at that time.
- The Ministry of Health requested \$460,000 to establish a volatile substance abuse outreach worker role and develop media guidelines for reporting about volatile substances. Funding was granted for \$68,000 to develop the media guidelines.

In 2014, nine of the ten recommended proposals were granted funding. A psychoactive substances education initiative was not funded as it was made obsolete by the Psychoactive Substances Amendment Act 2014. The Amendment Act required that all psychoactive substances be withdrawn from the market.

Two other proposals, for a Parental Program Pilot and for a paid worker to support the Auckland Regional Methamphetamine Action Group, were not recommended by the IACD panel due to being considered low priority and needing further development.

In 2015 none of the proposals were declined, although eight were withdrawn.

In 2016, 11 proposals were not recommended by the IACD panel. The importance of a balanced set of initiatives with a focus on methamphetamine was a major factor in the panel's deliberations. All were considered relevant to the National Drug Policy, and similar proposals would be considered in future. The panel noted that agencies had worked very effectively to put up such a strong set of proposals for consideration in the timeframe.