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Ref: H201808165

Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

I refer to your request of 3 December 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), which was transferred to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. You requested:

"I would like to request figures for how many people have contacted the Minister of Health and Prime Minister in any capacity (i.e. letter, email, phone contact etc) regarding a change in brand of medication from Efexor or Arrow-venlafaxine to Enlifax between the dates 1 May 2017 and 27 November 2018."

From 1 May 2017 to 27 November 2018, Ministry records show that 24 people contacted the Prime Minister and/or Minister of Health by letter or email regarding this topic, and received a formal response from the Minister of Health. It is not known whether any phone calls were received as this information is not recorded unless a formal response is given.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Please note this response may be published on the Ministry's website with your personal details removed.

Yours sincerely



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