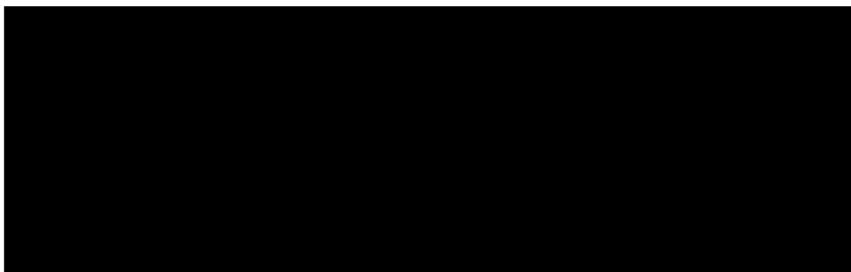


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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 12 June 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

- "I wish to request for information on the current rates of*
- 1. caesarean section, in New Zealand and Canterbury (2018)*
 - 2. unplanned or emergency caesarean section, in New Zealand and Canterbury (2018)*
 - 3. Number of total registered live births in 2018 in New Zealand and Canterbury (2018)*
- This is information request is for my PhD study."*

A copy of the Report on Maternity 2017 and an excel spreadsheet of the accompanying tables are publicly available to download from the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/report-maternity-2017>.

Table 35 in the accompanying table's spreadsheet, shows the number and percentage of emergency caesarean sections by district health board of residence between 2013 and 2017. Table 36 shows the same information but for elective caesarean sections. There were 60,455 live births registered in New Zealand in 2017.

Please note, this is the most recent information held by the Ministry, the updated Maternity data will be published on the Ministry's website next year.

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

Please be aware that this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shayne Hunter'.

Shayne Hunter
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Data and Digital