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### Request for official information

Thank you for your request of 26 June 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- “-The names of each of the members of the 'Endometriosis taskforce' - mentioned in your OIA response of 20 June 2019.  
-The reasons why the 'Endometriosis taskforce' was created:  
-A summary of why the taskforce was created.  
-The goals of the taskforce  
-Any outcomes the taskforce has accomplished yet  
-The date on which the 'Endometriosis taskforce' was created and the date on which the taskforce will conclude.  
-The frequency with which the taskforce meets.”*

The Endometriosis Taskforce (the Taskforce) was created in 2015.

There is no set group of individuals who attend the Taskforce meetings. Membership of the Taskforce is comprised of the organisations listed below, who may not send the same representative to each meeting.

- the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG);
- the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP);
- the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (FPMANZCA);
- Endometriosis New Zealand; and
- the Ministry of Health.

Your request for information regarding the reasons why the Endometriosis Taskforce was created, a summary of why the Taskforce was created and the goals of the Taskforce are refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as this information is publically available. You can find this information at the following web address:

<https://nzendo.org.nz/endo-news/driving-policy-change-for-endometriosis-in-new-zealand/>

In terms of outcomes, the Taskforce has been working to develop a guidance document on the diagnosis and management of endometriosis in New Zealand. This document is

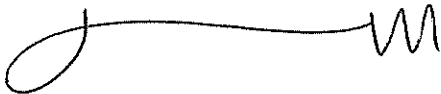
expected to be finalised and disseminated to the health sector in 2019 to inform local clinical pathways and referral guidelines.

The Taskforce meets on an ad hoc basis to progress work as necessary and there is no set date for when the Taskforce will conclude.

Consideration of the ongoing role of the Taskforce will occur once the current work has been completed.

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

Yours sincerely

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