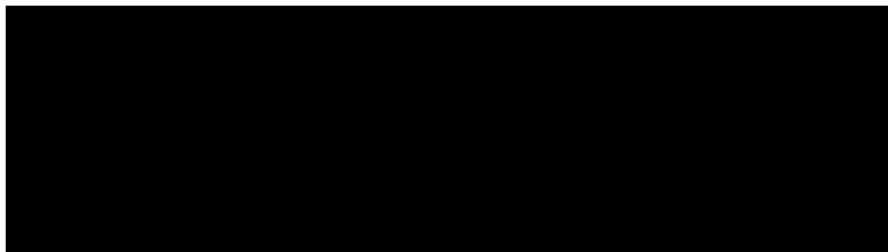


29 July 2019



Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 1 July 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

"...how many people have been recorded as being affected by a poisoning due to chemical contamination of the environment?"

What were the jobs of the people who were notified to the Ministry of Health.

Of the people who were notified:

how many were believed to have been affected by Clandestine Meth Labs?

How many were believed to have been affected by methamphetamine contamination by use?"

Medical officers of health are notified of hazardous substances injuries and of cases of poisoning arising from chemical contamination of environment and report these in a national dataset. Information about hazardous substances injuries can be found on the Environmental Health Indicators New Zealand website: [www.ehinz.ac.nz/our-projects/hazardous-substances/hazardous-substances-surveillance-system/](http://ehinz.ac.nz/our-projects/hazardous-substances/hazardous-substances-surveillance-system/):<http://ehinz.ac.nz/our-projects/hazardous-substances/hazardous-substances-surveillance-system>.

There are no notifications reported to date from people believed to be affected by methamphetamine contamination (via use or clandestine laboratories). In other words, the Ministry of Health has not received any notifications of poisoning due to methamphetamine contamination of homes.

I trust this information fulfils your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "D Woodley".

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