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**Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), that was transferred to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) from the Office of Hon Julie Anne Genter on 19 August 2019. You asked:

*"...if your new abortion bill will mean that abortion will be taxpayer funded".*

There is no proposed change to how abortions are funded in the 2019 Abortion Law Reform Bill. Abortion services are free for women who meet the eligibility criteria for publicly funded health and disability services. You can find the eligibility criteria on the Ministry's website:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/eligibility-publicly-funded-health-services>

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Yours sincerely



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