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Dear Mr Adams

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your requests under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 29 August 2019. Please note that your requests have been consolidated and will both be addressed in this response. The details of your requests are outlined below:

*"I request any formal correspondence, such as directions or guidance notes (but not day-to-day email correspondence) between the Director-General of Health and Drinking Water Assessors since August 2016."*

And

*"In December 2018, the Ministry updated its expectations for drinking water suppliers' Water Safety Plans. I would like to know which local authorities have - to the Ministry's knowledge - responded by reviewing their Water Safety Plans. (By 'reviewing' I mean a formal review process, such as Christchurch City Council is conducting, rather than merely checking)."*

One document has been identified in scope of the first part of your request. The document refers to a statement Chai Chuah, former Director-General of Health, released in December 2017. It is in relation to the campylobacteriosis outbreak in August 2016 arising from the contamination of the Havelock-North drinking-water supply.

A copy of this statement is publicly available on the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) website at the following address: <https://health.govt.nz/news-media/media-releases/director-general-statement-drinking-water>. The first part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the requested information is publicly available.

In response to the second part of your request, I have listed in the table below the 31 territorial local authorities that are formally reviewing (or have reviewed) their Water Safety Plans following the Ministry's update of its expectations in December 2018. Please note that this is based on responses from all 12 public health units.

**Table 1. List of local authorities who reviewed their Water Safety Plans**

#	Local authority
1	Far North District Council
2	Kaipara District Council
3	Whangarei District Council
4	Auckland Council
5	Waipa District Council
6	Thames-Coromandel District Council
7	Hamilton City Council
8	Hastings District Council
9	Central Hawke's Bay District Council
10	Kawerau District Council
11	Opotiki District Council
12	New Plymouth District Council
13	Manawatu District Council
14	Rangitikei District Council
15	Carterton District Council
16	South Wairarapa District Council
17	Kapiti Coast District Council
18	Porirua City Council
19	Upper Hutt City Council
20	Hutt City Council
21	Wellington City Council
22	Tasman District Council
23	Christchurch City Council
24	Selwyn District Council
25	Clutha District Council
26	Waitaki District Council
27	Central Otago District Council
28	Queenstown-Lakes District Council
29	Gore District Council
30	Dunedin City Council
31	Southland District Council

I trust that 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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