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Thank you for your email of 10 March 2025 to Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Does your organisation offer any health insurance benefits to your staff, where the agency contributes financially?

Can you summarise what you offer?

Can you provide a percentage of staff which have taken up the offer broken out by year from 2014 to present.

If there are factors which may have impacted rates - e.g. a new offer, please provide context.

The Ministry does not offer any health insurance benefits to staff that the Ministry contributes to financially. For this reason, I am refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the Ministry and has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown.

However, you may be interested to learn that Ministry employees can access cheaper health insurance through Southern Cross, as part of a voluntary group scheme. The Ministry does not financially contribute to this scheme.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Nāku noa, nā

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