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Subject: Official Information Act Request re: housing regulations

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received by Lakes DHB on 22 June 2022. You have asked for :

information about the provision of any certificates to local authorities under s42(1)(e) by medical officers of health, and the issue of any repair notices under s44(1). Specifically, I would like to request the dates and local authorities for any such certificates or repair notices since, say, 2000. If it would help in keeping this request reasonably bounded, I am quite happy to limit this to within a lesser reasonable period --- say ten years --- but would prefer as broad a time range as possible. If no certificates or notices have been issued, or few such, I would also like to expand my request for information to encompass policy directions, legal advice, practice manuals and/or training etc around medical officers' of health ability to take action on non-compliance with housing regulations, if any such records exist."

Toi Te Ora Public Health (Toi Te Ora) is the public health unit for the Bay of Plenty and Lakes Regions.

The role of Toi Te Ora is to promote and protect the health of the population with a focus on the achievement of equity, in particular for Māori.

Toi Te Ora has no organisational memory of providing certificates to local authorities under s42(1)(e) or repair notices under s44(1).

Toi Te Ora recommends contacting the Ministry of Health for further information about policy direction, legal advice, practice manuals or training.