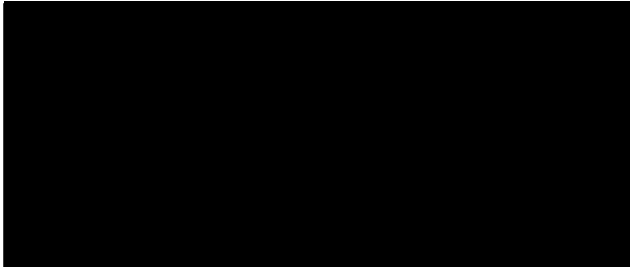


9 December 2020



**Re: Official Information Act request – 1080 substance on Auckland DHB site**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 9 December 2020 requesting the following information:

**Could you please tell me why Back in 2018 the Auckland district health board was able to obtain and hold the Hazardous substance sodium-fluoroacetate on your site.**

**According to a Report from the Auckland district health board meeting dated 15th August 2018 that the Auckland district health board without consent or any knowledge from Worksafe did obtain, hold and use Sodium-fluoroacetate. This substance is under strict control and you must obtain a Hazardous substance permit or licence to have on your premises.**

- **Can you tell me How much 1080 was on site?**
- **Was this Manufactured pallets or was it pure form Sodium-fluoroacetate imported from the US ?**
- **Who was your supplier?**
- **What was the purpose for the supply?**
- **What was the outcome from worksafe to the Auckland district health board for failing to obtain consent for storing and the use of sodium-fluoroacetate?**
- **Did this supply have anything to do with the Hunia Ranges? Which was also due to be Poisoned .**
- **When is the next 1080 operation for the Hunia ranges**

In April 2018 LabPLUS at ADHB received 100 mg of sodium fluoroacetate in powder form (not pellet form) which was transferred to the diagnostic laboratory on the ADHB site named LabPLUS, from Ruakura Research Centre (Analytica) on instructions from the Ministry of Health. The product was used to develop a test for the presence of sodium fluoroacetate in milk powder and human samples in response to the threat of contamination of powdered milk with sodium fluoroacetate at that time.

LabPLUS had, and currently has, a controlled substance licence R13880014-00.

Worksafe were notified of the supply on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 as is required. The remaining sodium fluoroacetate was disposed of by Waste Management Ltd on 20th November 2019 and Worksafe were notified of its disposal.

The sodium fluoroacetate was not used in connection with the Hunia Ranges.

ADHB has no knowledge of, and is not involved in, use of sodium fluoroacetate in the Hunia Ranges.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ailsa Claire', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ailsa Claire, OBE  
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