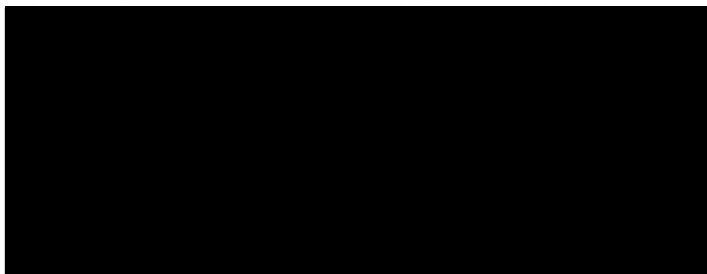


10 February 2021



Re: Official Information Act request – Body Parts Returned to Patients

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 6 January 2021 requesting the following information:

- The total number of body part items returned to patients by the DHB during the calendar years of 2020, 2019, and 2018, broken down by the specific type of body part (including but not limited to, body tissue, bones, organs, placentas/products of conception) returned each year.**

Included with this letter is a table containing the requested information:

Description	2018	2019	2020	Total
Appendix	58	73	52	184
Body Part	65	53	53	171
Body Tissue	382	423	415	1234
Bone	47	45	47	140
Foetus	2	1	1	4
Foreign Body	1			1
Gland	48	52	48	148
Hysterectomy Tissue	36	48	23	108
Organ	26	30	22	78
Placenta	194	216	210	625
Products of Conception	84	73	74	232
Stone	9	6	4	19
Tonsil	26	26	27	79
Total	978	1046	976	3023

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 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



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Chief Executive of Te Toka Tumai (Auckland District Health Board)

ADHB - Body Parts Returned to Patients by year

2018	976
abdominal tissue	2
aorta	3
aorta and aortic valve leaflets	2
aortic and mitral valve leaflets	3
aortic tissue	4
aortic valve	4
aortic valve leaflet	3
aortic valve leaflet & aortic tissue	3
aortic valve leaflets	9
appendix	54
appendix and small bowel	1
appendix testis	3
arm	1
biopsy tissue	1
bone	14
bone & tissue	9
bone pieces	6
bowel tissue	13
breast tissue	15
cord tissue	1
currettings	3
cyst tissue	6
digit	1
ear bone	1
endometrial curettings	9
eye	4
fallopian tube	1
fallopian tube & pregnancy tissue	1
fallopian tubes	15
femoral head	8
femur	1
fetus	1
foot tissue	1
foreign body	1
foreskin	1
gallbladder	20
gallbladder & liver segment	1
heart	15
heart valve	2
hernia	1
kidney	8
kidney stone	1
kidney tissue	2
kidneys	2
knee joint	7
knee tissue	2
left breast	1
left testis	2
leg	10
liver	11
liver and heart	1
liver segment & gallbladder	1
liver tissue	1
lung	2
lung tissue	11
lungs	20
mitral / aortic valve tissue	1
mitral valve	3

Year	Total return to patient
2018	976
2019	1045
2020	974

mitral valve leaflet	2
mitral valve leaflets	4
mitral valve tissue	1
ovarian cyst tissue	10
ovarian tissue	1
ovaries & fallopian tubes	1
ovary	1
ovary & cyst	1
ovary and fallopian tube	1
pancreatic tissue	1
parathyroid tissue	1
pericardial tissue	1
placenta	191
placenta & fetus	1
placenta, uterus & tubes	1
placental tissue	2
pregnancy tissue	84
prostate	1
pulmonary valve leaflets	1
renal stone	6
right leg	2
right testis	1
skin	1
skull flap	1
spleen	4
spleen & partial pancreas	1
stomach	1
testis	3
thymus	43
thymus & tissue	1
thyroid	1
thyroid tissue	3
tissue	191
toe	9
toes	3
tongue tissue	1
tonsils	25
tonsils & adenoids	1
ureteric stone	2
uterus	2
uterus & cervix	4
uterus & placenta	1
uterus & tubes	3
uterus, cervix & tubes	3
uterus, cervix, ovaries and tubes	14
uterus, cervix, right ovary and tube	2
uterus, ovaries and tubes	2
uterus, ovaries, tubes & appendix	1
uterus, tubes & ovaries	4
vein	3
vulval tissue	1
2019	1045
aorta	3
aorta and aortic valve leaflets	1
aortic and mitral valve leaflets	3
aortic tissue	6
aortic valve	2
aortic valve leaflet	4
aortic valve leaflet & aortic tissue	1
aortic valve leaflets	15
appendix	69

appendix & tissue	1
appendix testis	3
arm	2
biopsy tissue	1
bone	10
bone & tissue	6
bone flap	1
bone pieces	8
bowel tissue	14
breast tissue	8
colon tissue	5
cyst tissue	5
endometrial curettings	13
endometrial polyp	1
fallopian tube	3
fallopian tube & pregnancy tissue	6
fallopian tubes	7
femoral head	10
foreskin	3
gallbladder	40
heart	16
heart tissue	1
hernia	2
Hip Tissue	3
kidney	8
kidney tissue	2
knee joint	7
left kidney	1
left leg	2
left testis	1
leg	6
liver	9
liver biopsy	1
liver segment & gallbladder	1
liver tissue	1
lung	1
lung tissue	9
lungs	22
mitral / aortic valve tissue	1
mitral valve	5
mitral valve leaflet	4
mitral valve leaflets	1
ovarian cyst tissue	9
ovarian tissue	4
ovaries & lymph nodes	1
ovary & fallopian tube	6
ovary and fallopian tube	2
pancreatic tissue	1
pituitary	1
placenta	215
placenta & fetus	1
placental tissue	1
pregnancy tissue	72
pregnancy tissue & cord	1
prostate	3
pulmonary valve leaflets	1
renal stone	1
right kidney	2
right leg	1
right testis	1
right tonsil	1

skull flap	2
small bowel	2
spleen	1
spleen & colon	1
stone	1
testes	1
testis	4
thymus	45
thymus & aortic valve	1
thymus & tissue	2
thyroid	2
thyroid tissue	2
tissue	212
tissue & bone	1
toe	9
toenails	1
toes	1
tonsils	26
ureteric stone	3
ureteric stone fragment	1
uterus	2
uterus & cervix	3
uterus & placenta	1
uterus & tubes	5
uterus, cervix & tubes	13
uterus, cervix, ovaries and tubes	21
uterus, cervix, right ovary and tubes	1
uterus, left ovary and tube	1
uterus, left ovary and tube and appendix	1
2020	974
aorta and aortic valve leaflets	1
aortic and mitral valve leaflets	4
aortic tissue	3
aortic valve	5
aortic valve leaflet	1
aortic valve leaflet & aortic tissue	1
aortic valve leaflets	13
aortic valve leaflets & thymus	1
appendix	50
appendix and small bowel	2
bone	11
bone & tissue	15
bone flap	1
bowel tissue	9
breast implant with capsule	1
breast tissue	12
cervix	1
colon tissue	5
cyst tissue	7
endometrial curettings	5
eye	1
fallopian tube & pregnancy tissue	8
fallopian tubes	11
femoral head	11
fetus and placenta	1
foot	1
foreskin	2
gallbladder	39
heart	13
hip bone	1
Hip Tissue	1

kidney	5
knee joint	4
left ovary and tube	1
left testis	2
leg	6
liver	13
liver and gallbladder	2
liver segment & gallbladder	1
liver tissue	7
liver tissue & gallbladder	1
lung	1
lung tissue	11
lungs	15
mitral / aortic valve tissue	1
mitral valve	1
mitral valve + Thymus	1
mitral valve leaflet	1
mitral valve leaflets	8
ovarian cyst tissue	8
ovarian tissue	2
ovaries & fallopian tubes	1
ovary & cyst	1
ovary & fallopian tube	3
parathyroid tissue	1
pituitary	4
placenta	201
placenta & tubes	4
placenta & uterus	1
placenta, uterus, cervix & tubes	2
placental tissue	2
pregnancy tissue	74
prostate	8
renal stone	2
renal tissue	1
rib bone	2
right eye	1
right leg	1
right lung	2
skin	1
spleen	1
spleen & colon	1
spleen & partial pancreas	1
stomach	2
stone	1
teeth	2
testis	2
thymus	40
thymus & mitral valve	1
thymus & tissue	1
thyroid	5
thyroid tissue	1
tissue	212
tissue & bone	2
tissue and mechanical valve	1
toe	8
toes	2
tonsils	26
tonsils & adenoids	1
ureteric stone	1
uterus & cervix	1
uterus, cervix & tubes	10

uterus, cervix, left ovary and tube	1
uterus, cervix, ovaries and tubes	10
uterus, cervix, right ovary and tubes	1