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### Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information as a partial transfer of Part 1 (of 2) from the Ministry of Health and received 21 June 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, where you seek the following information.

*“..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.*

#### **Nelson Marlborough District Health NZ Response:**

There is no record of Medical Officers of Health formally providing a certificate to a local authority pursuant to s42(1)(e) or s44(1) of the Health Act 1956 during the specified period of time, and under section 18(e) *‘the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found’*.

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