



10 April 2013

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Dear Ms King

I refer to your request dated 6 March 2013, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, seeking " . . . information in respect of the Convenor:

- The number of cases referred to the convenor in each of the calendar years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012
- Whether the cases were referred to the convenor by a pilot or by the CAA
- The number of occasions the convenor took action in respect of reviewing the PMO's decisions. The action could be to reaffirm the PMO's decision or some other action. We would appreciate categorisation into:
  - Affirm the PMO's decision
  - Affirmed that the pilot had a case for review and the PMO's decision was amended
  - Decisions which neither supported the PMO's decision or supported the pilot's case review but proposed another course of action
- The direct cost of the convenor to the Ministry of Transport."

We have provided information to you, in the form of a table, as a result of your written request and the discussion I had with you to clarify your request. I clarified with you that the decisions on whether or not to grant medical certificates were made by the Medical Examiners, under delegation from the Director of Civil Aviation, not by the Principal Medical Officer (PMO).

Yours sincerely

Glen-Marie Burns  
**Acting General Manager, Aviation and Maritime**

### Number of applications

Year	Number of cases referred to the Convenor each year	Number of cases reviewed by the Convenor	Number of cases in which the Convenor affirmed the decision of the Director of Civil Aviation	Number of cases in which the Convenor recommended a different decision to that made by the Director of Civil Aviation	Number of cases in which the Director of Civil Aviation made a decision different to the original decision
2009	8	8	7	1	1
2010	21*	20	20	0	0
2011	16*	15	15	0	0
2012	15	15	15	0	0

\*In each of 2010 and 2011 one case was not reviewed because the application was not submitted within the 20 day application period.

### Direct Costs to the Ministry of Transport for Administering the Role of the Convenor

Year	Convenor costs
2009	\$26,237.02
2010	\$20,504.85
2011	\$19,433.38
2012	\$15,737.51