

Water Services Managers
Local authorities with fluoridated water supplies

Dear Water Services Manager

Transfer of request for official information. Our Ref: H201400365

On 8 February 2014 the Ministry of Health received a request for information from Mr Danyl Strype about the chemicals used to fluoridate drinking-water supplies, and the companies that supply the chemicals. A copy of Mr Strype's request is attached.

As the Ministry does not hold this information, I am transferring the request to you pursuant to section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982.

A copy of my reply to Mr Strype is also attached for your information.

Yours sincerely



Cathy O'Malley
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From: Danyl Strype <fyi-request-1443-fe2c93a3@requests.fyi.org.nz>
To: OIA requests at MOH <EmailMOH@moh.govt.nz>,
Date: 08/02/2014 01:05 p.m.
Subject: Official Information Act request - Chemicals used by local authorities in water fluoridation programs and their sources

Dear Ministry of Health,

Please supply me with a list of:

- * the precise chemical compounds used by local authorities around the country in their water fluoridation programs
- * the companies from which chemicals are purchased by each council for use in water fluoridation programs

Yours faithfully,
Danyl Strype

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Dear Mr Strype

Response to your request for official information. Our Ref: H20140190

Thank you for your request for information relating to fluoridation dated 8 February 2014.

You requested a list of:

- the precise chemical compounds used by local authorities around the country in their water fluoridation programmes;
- the companies from which chemicals are purchased by each council for use in water fluoridation programmes.

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) understands that local authorities use either liquid hydrofluorosilicic acid, sodium silicofluoride powder or sodium fluoride powder to fluoridate drinking water supplies.

Local authorities (and other drinking-water suppliers) source the chemicals used for water fluoridation directly from supply companies. The Ministry does not record this information.

Accordingly I have transferred your request under section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982, to those local authorities that fluoridate their drinking-water supplies as indicated in the map of fluoridated areas on the Ministry's web-pages at:
<http://www.drinkingwater.esr.cri.nz/supplies/fluoridation.asp>

I would expect local authority replies to be made according to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

You have the right to refer my response to the Ombudsman for review. Information is available on the website of the Office of the Ombudsman (www.ombudsman.parliament.nz). You can also contact the Office on freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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