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Tēnā koe M Bell

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00034563

I refer to your email of 23 December 2023, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"Please provide all internal communications between the members of the executive team for Health NZ including meeting minutes, instant messages etc that discuss the response / damage control in relation to the ongoing analysis of the leaked vaccination data indicating very significant safety signals for death. (refer <https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fkirschsubstack.com%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cchnzoia%40health.govt.nz%7C2f03d5cd60db4481038208dc03378134%7C23cec7246d204bd19fe9dc4447edd1fa%7C0%7C0%7C638388784124137383%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8XRAXSPasWnTcXhbXBAGPjLJZuhMKhJOHYiFi9IEiME%3D&reserved=0>). For search purposes it can be focused on communications after November 1 2023."

On 27 February 2024, we wrote to you asking if you would consider refining your request. On the same day, you responded:

*"Please advise approximately how many items of information potentially in the scope of my request were generated in the initial search?
If my request is validly refusible under 18(f) of the OIA 1982 then please refine to focus only on the communications of Margie Apa, to and from the HNZ Executive Team."*

Our initial search identified over a thousand emails potentially in scope of your request. This was limited to emails among our chief executive and her direct reports and does not include other forms of communication.

Noting the above, we consider your refined request has not amended the scope of the request in such a way that would enable us to respond. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I have considered whether fixing a charge for the supply of the information or extending the timeframe for response would enable Te Whatu Ora to respond. I do not consider that either option would remove the impact that supplying the information would have on our other operations.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Coe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Danielle Coe

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