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Ref: H202106233

Tēnā koe John

Decision on your request for official information

Thank you for your follow up request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 10 May 2021 for:

“...all internal communications relating to the processing of my request.”

The Ministry has identified emails and documents within the scope of your request and has decided to grant your request. However, more time is required to administratively process the information for release. This will include information regarding the Ministry's decision to revise withholding all information pertaining to your request of 13 April 2021 (H202104400 refers).

The Ministry anticipates to provide this information to you by 28 July 2021 with some information withheld or refused under the following sections of the Act:

- s6(a), as its release would likely prejudice the international relations of the Government of New Zealand;
- s(6)(b)(i), as its release would prejudice information entrusted to the Government of New Zealand from another Government or agency;
- s9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons,
- s9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between employees of any public service agency; and
- s18(e), as the information requested does not exist.

The Ministry accepts we have not met the timeliness requirements required by the Act. The delay has been a result of capacity issues and we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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