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Tēnā koe Sue

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 24 June 2021 for:

"How many of these positive tests have returned a cycle threshold of 35 or more?"

On 6 July 2021, the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) communicated a decision on your request and withheld this part of your request under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. Following your complaint to the Ombudsman and the Ombudsman's final opinion, the Ministry is now in a position to release this information to you.

Please find attached an excel spreadsheet detailing a list of all CT values available to the Ministry for COVID-19 cases.

I trust this fulfils your request. 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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā



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