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Tēnā koe Gregory

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 27 August 2021 for:

- “1. How many people were turned away from vaccination centres due race only?”*
- 2. What were the races of those turned away by race only grounds in 1 above?”*

The Ministry has not received any reports of people being turned away from vaccination centres due to race. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) as the information requested does not exist. Any instances of people being turned away from vaccination centres due to race should be reported to the Ministry.

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](mailto: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 website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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