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Lobby New Zealand

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### **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:

*“all information and documentation from the Ministry of Health, and any other relevant agency, in regards to the planning of a response to a COVID-19 Delta variant outbreak. Specifically, what plans were in place in the event of such an outbreak, both regionally and nationally.”*

On 1 September 2021, the Ministry contacted you about refining the scope of your request. We did not receive a response from you. Therefore, 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 charging or extending the time to compile the information that would enable the Ministry to respond, however, as each piece of correspondence would have to be individually reviewed, I do not believe it is in the public interest to do so. The Ministry remains willing to engage with you on a revised scope for 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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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