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Tēnā koe Cam

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 7 September 2021 for information relating to the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan. You requested specifically:

“Copies of reports, memos, correspondence, briefings, presentation and documents, written and electronic, pertaining to the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan inclusive of files or reports that analyse consultation.”

“Copies of correspondence, emails, Cabinet Papers (including drafts), Ministerial Briefings (including drafts) and reports, with and between the Ministry, the Minister of Health and/or Associate Ministers of Health, connected to the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan.”

“A list of all submitters on the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan.”

“Copies of all reports, memos, correspondence, briefings and documents, written and electronic, relating to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 2020 discounting that connected to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Regulations 2021.”

“Copies of correspondence, emails, Cabinet Papers (including drafts), Ministerial Briefings (including drafts) and reports, with and between the Ministry, the Minister of Health and/or Associate Ministers of Health, connected to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 2020 discounting that connected to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Regulations 2021.”

“Copies of all correspondence, emails, meeting notes or briefings, written and electronic, with and between the Parliamentary Counsel Office and the Ministry relating to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 2020 discounting that connected to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Regulations 2021.”

“Copies of all correspondence, emails, meeting notes or briefings, written and electronic, with and between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and/or Minister of Foreign Affairs and/or Minister of Trade, relating to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 2020.”

“The number of staff on an FTE basis and the designations of staff employed by the Ministry to work on tobacco control.”

“The number of staff on an FTE basis and the designations of staff employed by the Ministry to work in the Vaping Regulatory Authority.”

“The budget for tobacco control and the Vaping Regulatory Authority in financial years 2019/20; 2020/21 and 2021/22.”

“The number of staff on an FTE basis and the designations of staff employed by the Ministry to work in public health policy and the turnover rate for policy staff in financial years 2019/20; 2020/21 and 2021/22 (year to date).”

On 7 September 2021, you were informed through email correspondence that your request is for a very large volume of information and it may be refused under section 18(f) of the Act. On 21 September 2021, the Ministry contacted you to follow up on this refinement.

As we have not received a response from you, to date, your request is refused in full 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 would enable us to respond, however, as this request is for a substantial amount of information, and you were asked to refine it, I do not believe it is in the public interest to do so.

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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