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Dear Luke

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 5 February 2022 for information relating to COVID-19 and hospitalisations. You specifically requested:

“How many patients that have currently tested positive for COVID-19 are in hospital because of the disease? (i.e. COVID-19 infection is the primary reason for hospital treatment).

Please also give a percentage of this group compared with the total number of hospital patients that have tested positive for COVID-19 each day.

Please give figures for Saturday 5 February 2022, and every subsequent day until the Ministry responds to this information request.”

Please be advised, the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) is updating its reporting processes for those cases that have required hospital level care. As a result, your request for this information is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act. However, you may be interested in the following link which provides case details of the number of active cases in hospital at: www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-current-cases.

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.

Yours sincerely



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