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Tēnā koe Harold

Partial response and decision on your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 24 February 2022 for information regarding the Health System Preparedness Programme (HSPP).

Please accept the Ministry's apologies for the delay in communicating a decision on your request and any resulting inconvenience this may have caused. The Ministry accepts that there has been a failure in complying with the statutory timeframe requirements of the Act in this instance.

Information in response to some parts of your request are outlined below:

A September 2021 Health Report (HR 20212079) released to me through the OIA refers to a "National Health Resilience Plan" as a deliverable of the HSPP. The report can be viewed here (quote on p. 16):

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=15517&d=o5qp4vQTCZrtisxEnugQYrcyceBqJa0fADr6BjPEIq&u=https%3a%2f%2ffyi%2eorg%2enz%2frequest%2f17877%2fresponse%2f70350%2fattach%2f4%2fCHOIA192%2epdf>

I would like to request a copy of this Plan.

Despite reasonable efforts, unfortunately the Ministry has been unable to locate a copy of the requested document, as such, your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

I would also like to request a copy of the Northern Region version of this Plan (the "Northern Region Resilience Plan")

On 9 May 2022 this part of your request was transferred to Auckland District Health Board (DHB) for a response, pursuant to section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

As you may be aware, the DHBs' functions have been merged into Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand as part of the health and disability system reforms¹. Te Whatu Ora manages all health services, including hospital and specialist services, and primary and community care. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora to this part of your request in due course.

A July 2020 Health Report (HR 20200956) published on the Ministry website refers to a "National Health Security Action Plan" as being in development during the 2020/21 period. The report can be viewed here (quote on p.8)

<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/health-report-measles-review-2020.pdf>

I would like to request a copy of the National Health Security Action Plan referred to here."

The requested document does not exist, as such your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act. Please note work is still underway in developing a National Health Security Plan. This work began in 2019 and has been broadened to look more widely at what is needed to achieve health security in Aotearoa.

For these groups:

1) HSPP Governance Group

2) HSPP Assurance Group (if it is different to the Governance Group)

3) HSPP Steering Group


I would like to request copies of their Terms of Reference

I would like to request copies of all HSPP reports-back or progress reports submitted to any Minister, dated since the beginning of February 2022.

Regarding the above parts of your request, the Ministry has decided to provide you copies of the requested documents; however, we require additional time to finalise this information for release. Please note some information will be withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. The Ministry endeavours to provide this information as soon as possible. We thank you for your patience while we consider 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.

Nāku noa, nā



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¹ Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand: <https://www.futureofhealth.govt.nz/health-nz/>