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25 March 2022

Mr Melvin

By email: fyi-request-18794-326ad1fe@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: H202203650

Tēnā koe Mr Melvin

Transfer of 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) received on 7 March 2022. You specifically requested:

"As of Monday March 7th, I would like to know how many cases of the Delta variant are currently being treated in hospital, and if possible, a breakdown by DHB."

The Ministry does not hold any information relating to your request as variants of COVID-19 are determined by Whole Genome Sequencing undertaken by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR). As such, I have decided to transfer your request to ESR under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. You can expect a response to your request from ESR in due course.

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

Acting Manager, OIA Services

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Monday, 7 March 2022 09:54

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Yours faithfully,

Mr Melvin