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Tēnā koe R

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 26 April 2022 for:

"I would like documents relating to the creation of the expected deaths tables available online at: <https://www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/safety-report-42.asp>

The website says:

"Data for expected death rates was obtained from the AESI background rate (SAFE) study provided by the University of Auckland. The age-specific background rates used are the average from 2008-2019."

The link provided does not supply any information regarding expected deaths rates. Only expected adverse reaction rates.

To avoid doubt:

I would like all documents and files used by whomever it was that created these charts so I can replicate the results."

The data used to calculate expected death rates was published on 11 May 2022 in the 43rd Medsafe Safety Report available here: www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/safety-report-43.asp#analysis. Under table 9, there is now the option to download the data as an excel spreadsheet.

I trust this information fulfils 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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku nō, nā



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