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Kia ora J Bruning

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the former Minister for COVID-19 Response, Hon Chris Hipkins. I am responding to you as the matters you raise now fall within my portfolio responsibilities. On 9 August 2022 you requested information relating to public submissions for the COVID-19 Public Health Response Amendment Bill (No 2). Specifically:

"Please provide all reports supplied to you as Minister for COVID-19 Response from the Committee Secretariat, the Health Committee, including Members of Parliament involved in the consultation, or other bodies tasked with collating this information and supplying with you with information.

This includes all summaries, all data analysis including spreadsheets, appendices and reports."

One report was identified within scope of your request. The COVID-19 Public Health Response Amendment Bill (No 2) Departmental Report was provided to me and contains analysis of the public submissions. This report is publicly available on the Parliament website here: www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/53SCHE_ADV_115898_HE23132/ministry-of-health-and-ministry-of-business-innovation.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ayesha Verrall'.

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