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Tēnā koe Stefan

### **Request for information: Communication that mentions continuous glucose monitors**

Thank you for your request dated 23 February 2023 under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for information relating to communication that mentions continuous glucose monitors. You requested:

*Can I please request all communications (emails and chat messages) that mention continuous glucose monitors (e.g. Dexcom, FreeStyle Libre) sent in 2022 either to Ministers or their offices, or that discuss contact with Ministers or their offices, from the Chief Executive, Director of Operations and Pharmac communications staff.*

We are pleased to provide you with 2 briefings to the Associate Minister for Health. Please note we have redacted information from the documents as we consider the information out of scope, or that it is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons (section 9(2)(a)).

As you may be aware, Pharmac is the government agency that decides which pharmaceuticals and medical devices will be publicly funded. Pharmac operates independently of the Minister of Health, Associate Ministers of Health and Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health). This independence allows the public to have confidence in the impartiality of funding decisions.

### **Further response to your request**

We have extended the due date for our response to the remainder of your request by a further 6 working days from today. The new due date for our decision for your request is **31 March 2023**. This extension (allowed under section 15A of the OIA) is to allow us to finish researching and collating documents in scope of your request and to consult about their release.

Please note, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about our response to your OIA, under section 28(3) of the OIA. Details of [how to make a complaint](#) are on the Ombudsman's website.

We trust that this information answers your queries. Please get in touch with us if you have any questions about this.

Nāku noa, nā



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