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Ref: SROIA-173

Dear Chris,

## Response to your request for information, SROIA-173

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 10 July 2024. You requested:

*"Please provide any and all emails, whatsapp messages, memos, notes, texts that include the following key words to health authorities, agencies, other politicians just any and all information that Mr Reti has been included on that discusses*

- Barry Young
- Steve Kirsch
- Whistleblower Data

*This is since Mr Reti came to office"*

On 17 July 2024 you refined your request to the below:

*"I will agree to refine my scope to cover emails and formal advice (memos, briefings, etc.) received from officials providing the following is included*

*All of the emails provided fall within the scope - this means no emails should be blacked out where your office interprets them to be out of the scope of my request. The notes, memos, advice include the analysis of the Pay-per-dose data done by Health Officials including Leigh Donoghue, his team, any experts engaged by Health New Zealand or Leigh including epidemiologists, and a review and analysis of the work done by Steve Kirsch*

*Health New Zealand have stated the data is misinformation yet have not refuted the data, so I want any and all conclusions on the data including the personnel at Health NZ or the experts who have reviewed their data and what their conclusions are*

*What I am not looking for is how Health NZ are looking to frame the information in the media and reporting on this to the Minister. I want firm analysis, reports etc etc and email chains saying how Steve Kirsch is wrong and the experts named that say he is wrong and their corresponding analysis."*

On 23 July 2024, this office partially transferred the parts of your request below to Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora. Please refer to the response from Health NZ.

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The remaining parts of your request are addressed below.

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To ensure a thorough search, Health NZ IT performed a search for emails between Health NZ and Parliament email addresses that contained the keywords in your request. This search returned hundreds of results, each of which would need to be reviewed to determine if it is in scope of your request, and if so, reviewed for potential release. Due to the large volume, this office considers your request cannot be responded to without requiring substantial collation or research. As such, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act.

We have considered whether fixing a charge for the supply of the information or extending the timeframe for response would enable us to respond. We do not consider that either option would be an effective use of our limited resources.

No briefings or other formal advice to the Minister that contained the terms in your request have been identified. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts, cannot be found.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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