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B White
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Dear B White

I acknowledge your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of 30 September 2024, where you requested:

“... a copy of the independent advice received. For clarity this request includes identifying information of who the source of independent advice was, as well as meeting notes of advice provided verbally.”

The information you have requested is attached to this letter.

I note that the advice consists of academic articles and health research that forms part of a wider body of scientific literature that focuses on harm reduction, rather than a moralistic, abstinence-only perspective on tobacco and nicotine products.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by freephone at 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. Costello', written over a white background.

Hon Casey Costello
Associate Minister of Health