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OIA-273

B White
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Dear B White

I acknowledge your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of 29 October 2024, where you requested:

"... I request (as a new OIA request) details of:

- the manner of how these documents were found (search engine, academic journal service, personal collection, etc.)*
- the time period over which the provided documents were collated*
- if search terms were used - a list of search terms used*
- if an external research or literature review service was used, the details of the service and what scope they were given for this review."*

I can advise that an external research or literature review service was not used. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act because the information requested does not exist.

Regarding how the documents were identified, I can advise that the Gale and EBSCOhost databases were used, as well as the Google search engine. My office does not hold a comprehensive list of search terms used, but I can advise that the following were used:

- "heated tobacco products"
- "htp"
- "heated tobacco products" AND "harm reduction"
- "tobacco" AND "harm reduction"
- "nicotine" AND "harm reduction"
- "htp" AND "smoking cessation"
- "heated tobacco products" AND "smoking cessation"
- "smoking cessation" AND "harm reduction"
- "htp" AND "health"
- "heated tobacco products" AND "health"

I note that the documents were reviewed between December 2023 and May 2024 to inform the Budget process.

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, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hon Casey Costello
Associate Minister of Health