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By email: fyi-request-28675-aa6294c6@requests.fyi.org.nz

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Tēnā koe M

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 6 October 2024 for:

“Please direct this OIA request specifically toward Chris James, Group Manager Medsafe. I am requesting all the email correspondence you have (including attachments) that have the terms “graphene” or “graphene oxide” or “graphene hydroxide”.

I am also requesting copies of any documents or papers you have access to that discuss the possible or potential presence of “graphene” / “graphene oxide” / “graphene hydroxide” in medicines, vaccines or medical products.”

Apart from emails containing OIA responses that are solely sent to me for signing, I do not hold any email correspondence that contains the word ‘graphene’. As such, your request for this information is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

Medsafe evaluates applications for all new medicines, including vaccines, to ensure that they comply with international standards and local requirements for quality, safety and efficacy. The ingredients in Medicines can be found on our website:
<https://www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/DbSearch.asp>.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



Chris James
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Medsafe