

23 March 2021

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By email: [REDACTED]  
Ref: H202102134

Dear [REDACTED]

### **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 (the Ministry) on 1 March 2021 for information regarding PCR tests in New Zealand.

Information in response to each part of your request is as follows.

*"1. I am hereby making a request for an OIA with regards to full public disclosure of the detailed components of the materials used in the composition of the swabs that are being utilised in New Zealand for the purpose of the PCR tests that are being undertaken in New Zealand."*

This part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

*"I would like to make a request for this and the details of the manufacturer of the swabs that are used in PCR tests in New Zealand."*

Below is a list of swab manufacturers that are used for PCR testing in New Zealand:

- Copan Diagnostics Inc
- Huizhou Flygene Technology
- Citotest Scientific Co Ltd
- Noble Biosciences Inc.
- Yocon Biology Technology Company

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Carpenter', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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