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By email: H202201289

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Tēnā koe s 9(2)

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) which was transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 11 February 2022. You asked:

"I concur with the PM's comment in her speech in the weekend that: Whether it's poverty, education, housing or health, solutions are required. 'But solutions need to be directed at causes. I am writing to ask what is the most authoritative empirical analysis (as distinct from advice) she has received on the causes of the disparities her speech lists for the health outcomes for Maori compared to non-Maori."

Please refer to Chapter 3: 'Hauora Maori/Maori Health' of the Health and Disability System review report commissioned by Heather Simpson for this information :

<https://systemreview.health.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/hdsr/health-disability-system-review-final-report.pdf> (see pages 23-39).

In addition, there are number of resources available on the Ministry website that have information and reports on the health outcomes for Māori compared to non-Māori. The following links can be found below:

- Wai 2575 Māori Health Trends Report data and resources: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/populations/maori-health/wai-2575-health-services-and-outcomes-kaupapa-inquiry/wai-2575-maori-health-trends-report-data-and-resources
- Whakamaua Quantitative Dashboard: Year one (baseline): www.health.govt.nz/publication/whakamaua-quantitative-dashboard-year-one-baseline
- Health and Independence reports: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/corporate-publications/health-and-independence-reports
- New Zealand Health Survey reports: www.health.govt.nz/nz-health-statistics/national-collections-and-surveys/surveys/new-zealand-health-survey

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Whaanga', written over a faint horizontal line.

John Whaanga
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Deputy-Director General