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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 17 February 2022 for Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and ventilator information. You specifically requested:

“1. Total ICU bed capacity in New Zealand, by DHB (split by public and private if possible), monthly from January 2020 - February 2022.

2. Ventilator capacity in New Zealand, by DHB (split by public and private if possible), monthly from January 2020 - February 2022.”

Part of your request is provided in response to the following written parliamentary questions at:

- www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_54739_2021/54739-2021-dr-shane-reti-to-the-minister-of-health
- www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_55665_2021/55665-2021-dr-shane-reti-to-the-minister-of-health

Please refer to the attached for the data available not covered by the attached parliamentary question responses.

I note that the information includes the reported number of resourced and occupied ICU/High Dependency Unit (HDU) beds and ventilators as reported by DHBs each weekday. We are not able to report ICU and HDU beds separately. I also note that private ICU/HDU capacity is not centrally collected so we are unable to answer that part of your request for information.

The Ministry is unable to provide information prior to August 2021 as DHB ICU/HDU and ventilator information is not collected by the Ministry outside of during emergency response periods.

You may wish to contact the DHBs in the regions you are interested in as they may be able to provide you further assistance relating to ICU beds and ventilator capacity. Their contact details can be found at: www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-health-sector-organisations-and-people/district-health-boards/district-health-board-websites.

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

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