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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 Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 17 October 2022 for:

"Why are you "strongly encouraging" participants of Flu Tracker to stop participating over summer."

FluTracking participants in New Zealand and Australia have been encouraged to take a break from tracking over the summer period. This is to reduce participation fatigue. By taking a short break from tracking, Manatū Hauora hopes this will give participants a chance to refresh then continue with FluTracking surveys when there is an increase in flu and COVID-19 cases. FluTracking has an option for participants to be "called back early" if there is a rise in flu and/or COVID-19 cases.

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 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



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