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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 1 November 2022 for:

“Please let me know if you can provide me with any directives/publicly available information on heat waves.

Does Aotearoa/NZ have systems prepared or in place for significant heat stress for people eg: public spaces where people can cool down.”

Manatū Hauora prepared the Heat Health Plan guidelines in 2019. This information can be found at: www.health.govt.nz/publication/heat-health-plans. Work is underway to understand the specific impacts of high temperatures on health in a New Zealand context, with an aim to provide guidance around heat threshold temperatures across the country.

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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