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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 24 November 2022 for information regarding the Ministry's policy for publishing OIA requests. Each part of your request is responded to below:

"A copy of MOH's policy for deciding which OIA responses merit inclusion or exclusion from the public list."

Manatū Hauora adopted a Proactive Release Policy and Guidance that builds on the commitment to proactive release and provides a framework to ongoing work to enhance the publication of information. You can find more information about the proactive release of OIA responses in the policy available on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/proactive-release-policy-and-guidance-v2.pdf.

** All information and discussions related to the decision to omit the H202117825 response from the public list. "*

The OIA request referenced H202117825 was received in the six-month period of July to December 2021. During this period, Manatū Hauora completed 2,720 requests for information. Due to the significant number of requests for information to complete, Manatū Hauora prioritised responding to requests over other tasks, including the publication of responses to OIA requests.

There were no discussions around the publication of the OIA response to H202117825, nor is there any information around this. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Manatū Hauora acknowledges that there are significant benefits associated with the proactive release of OIA responses, including increase trust in Manatū Hauora as a transparent organisation and strengthened accountability. Since adopting the Proactive Release Policy and Guidance in May 2022, Manatū Hauora has regularly assessed the suitability of its OIA responses for publication and ensured they are frequently made publicly

available at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

The response to H202117825 has now been published and can be found at: www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h202117825_response.pdf.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you have any questions about this response or require any further information, please contact us at oiagr@health.govt.nz.

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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