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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 (Ministry of Health) on 7 July 2022 for information relating to smoking. You requested:

“A copy the report and findings of the modelling commissioned by MoH that was carried out by the University of Melbourne, using the SHINE-tobacco research platform. The titles of any and all other reports or modelling the MoH has commissioned in the past 2 years in the relation to smoking.”

On 21 July 2022, you were contacted by Manatū Hauora and advised that further clarification was required in order to provide a response. Specifically, you were asked to clarify what information about smoking and the types of reports you were seeking. On the same day you clarified your request.

Please find a response to each part of your request below.

A copy of the report and findings of the modelling commissioned by MoH that was carried out by the University of Melbourne, using the SHINE-tobacco research platform as referenced at footnote 13 in the regulatory impact statement of the Smokefree Aotearoa Action Plan found at <https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/ris-smokefree-aotearoa-action-plan-nov21.pdf>

This report is publicly available and can be found at:

www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.07.17.22277571v1.

This also includes the modelling that Manatū Hauora commissioned as part of the report.

In addition to the above, has MoH commissioned any other modelling in the past 2 years in relation to smoking? If so please provide the titles of the documents (whatever form they may be) in which the findings were presented to MoH.

Manatū Hauora has not commissioned any other modelling on smoking apart from the report published above. However, it is actively involved in the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) study which you may find as a useful resource. The GBD tool presents modelled estimates, and the data is publicly available on the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation website at:

<https://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-results/>.

I am interested in policy issues around smoking generally so would like to have a look at the findings from modelling you have done and look at what work MoH is doing to reduce smoking rates, smoking related harm and other matters related to smoking.

Manatū Hauora has a range of material on smoking, which includes its work to reduce smoking rates and smoking related harm in Aotearoa New Zealand. This information is publicly available at: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/tobacco-control.

The New Zealand Health Survey provides information about the health and wellbeing of New Zealanders. The Data Explorer is a tool that can be used to generate information about smoking rates over time based on the survey data: www.minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2020-21-annual-data-explorer/. The GBD study and tool mentioned above uses smoking data provided from the survey.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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