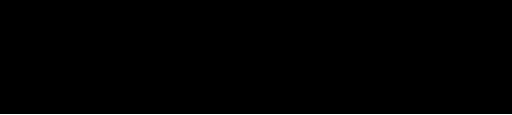




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Tēnā koe

### 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 25 May 2023 for information regarding COVID-19. Please find a response to each part of your request below:

*“Explain the excess mortality of 5000 New Zealanders last year. Also explain why your database hasn't been transferred to Te Whatu Ora...also explain why you can't reply to a OIA requests in the expected time frame or anything to do with covid. Excuse being te whatu Ora hold it”*

Aotearoa New Zealand reported [2529 deaths attributed to COVID-19](#) in 2022. The total [number of deaths registered during 2022 was 38,574](#). Manatū Hauora does not hold data on excess mortality. Te Whatu Ora hold the [COVID-19 Trends and Insights](#) dashboard which contains all COVID-19 information, and Stats NZ also have a [COVID-19 data portal](#).

*I also want to know how many people have died of covid without serious illness since record keeping started.”*

There is no data recorded on the number of COVID-19 deaths without serious illness. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

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](mailto: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](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā

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