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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was transferred to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) from the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE) on 24 October 2023 for information regarding emergency powers in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

Under what jurisdiction did the NZ government act on 'emergency powers'? For which cabinet meeting were these actions decided, cab min please? Specifically to isolate, medicate [...] to move around society. Redacted is fine.

The jurisdiction under which powers exercised by the New Zealand government was New Zealand law. This included powers exercised in accordance with the Covid-19 Public Health Response Act 2020, Health Act 1956 and instruments issued under those Acts (such as Covid-19 Orders).

Papers relating to the exercise of powers as part of the Covid-19 response are proactively released on government websites. As such this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as these documents are publicly available here: [covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/).

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: 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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