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Dear Mr Morgan

**Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 2 November 2019 to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) for:

*"I'd like to request information in relation to a mandated reduction of nicotine levels in cigarettes in New Zealand. Could you please provide any information or advice that the Ministry of Health has provided to the current government/relevant government ministers (Hon. Jenny Salesa, Hon. Dr David Clark etc.) on a mandated reduction of nicotine in cigarettes?"*

Documents identified within scope of your request are withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely



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