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Andrew Ecclestone

By email: fyi-request-12685-76bf43c1@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H202002566

Dear Mr Ecclestone

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 22 April 2020 for:

"Recommendation 8 of Dr Verrall's report states: "The Ministry of Health should rapidly complete development of a smartphone app to assist contact tracing and pilot it in New Zealand."

(1) Please provide me with the name and email address for the senior official responsible for the project to procure or develop this smartphone app.

(2) Please provide me with the name(s) of any or all companies that the Ministry of Health is working with to develop this smartphone app."

Information in response to your questions is outlined below.

(1) Provide me with the name and email address for the senior official responsible for the project to procure or develop this smartphone app.

Jon Herries, Group Manager of Emerging Health Technologies & Innovation in the Ministry's Data and Digital Directorate is the senior official responsible for the operation of the contact tracing application. The contact email address of Mr Herries is jon.herries@health.govt.nz.

(2) Provide me with the name(s) of any or all companies that the Ministry of Health is working with to develop this smartphone app.

Information regarding the companies working alongside the Ministry on the contact tracing application will be made public when the application is launched. As such your request for this information is refused in accordance with section 18(d) of the Act as the information will soon be publicly available.

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, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, sweeping initial 'G' followed by a smaller, more complex flourish.

Gaynor Bradfield
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