

7 July 2020

Ryan Potts

By email: fyi-request-13064-11b98269@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H202004138

Dear Ryan Potts

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 9 June 2020 for:

"Please disclose any advice provided to the Prime Minister and Cabinet regarding excess deaths from COVID-19? If no such advice has been provided then please explain why."

Please be advised that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) is the central public service of New Zealand, which provides support and advice to the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet.

The Ministry of Health has not provided any advice to the DPMC regarding excess deaths from COVID-19. Therefore, your request for information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decision made on your request.

Yours sincerely



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COVID-19 Response