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Fraser Seifert

By email: fyi-request-13353-69bdd175@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: CHOIA693

Dear Mr Seifert

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), transferred from the office of Hon Dr Megan Woods on 31 July 2020, for:

“Advice sent to your office on how the border can be managed until such a point that there is a vaccine or effective treatment for COVID-19.”

I can confirm that this office has not received any advice within the scope of your request. As such, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act.

Border management is an active area that is of high interest to the public. I expect you will receive information about managed isolation and quarantine from the Office of Hon Dr Megan Woods response to the remainder of your request, and I am advised the Ministry of Health has contributed to those papers. You can also find information on the Ministry's website that may be of interest, about the overall strategy, border controls, and the Ministry's Surveillance plan.

- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-current-situation/covid-19-elimination-strategy-aotearoa-new-zealand>
- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-current-situation/covid-19-border-controls>
- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-current-situation/covid-19-surveillance-plan-and-testing-strategy>

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Chris Hipkins'.

Chris Hipkins
Minister of Health