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Matthew Hooton

By email: fyi-request-13617-5fe0cf4c@requests.fyi.org.nz Ref: H202006651

Dear Matthew Hooton

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 30 August 2020 for:

"I request all advice provided by your Ministry to other government departments and/or ministers in August 2020 on the merits or otherwise of testing asymptomatic people in South and West Auckland for Covid-19"

Please be advised that no information has been identified within scope of your request. As such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

You may be interested in testing information which can be found on the Ministry's website here: <u>https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/assessment-and-testing-covid-19</u>

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely

Nick Allan Manager, OIA Services Office of the Director-General