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Ref: H202106410

Dear ED Hirsch

### 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 26 May 2021 regarding the proactively released 'Infection prevention and control audits of managed isolation and quarantine facilities' briefing from 15 January 2021. Specifically, you requested:

*"..all internal correspondence about the decision to redact this particular table, including (but not limited to) the specific evaluation you must have performed to consider why the s.9.1. public interest provision does not apply in this case. Correspondence here is likely to mean internal emails."*

The internal correspondence within scope of your request is attached to this letter as Appendix 1. Mobile numbers are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to maintain the privacy of natural persons.

I note that you also requested to reconsider the redactions on the proactively released Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Audit document dated 15 February 2021. The Ministry is satisfied about the basis on which the information was withheld and maintains its decision. This reflects the particular commercial context and circumstances in which facilities are operating, their ongoing commercial interests both now and in future, and the likely prejudice to their commercial position, particularly by damaging their reputation leading to a loss of business or trade; or by damaging shareholder, customer or supplier confidence.

You are welcome to seek a review of this decision by contacting the Ombudsman. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Yours sincerely



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