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Ref: H202107943

Tēnā koe Matthew

### **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 30 June 2021 for information relating to numerous vaccine-preventable diseases.

Please find a response to each part of your request below:

1. *For each of these diseases, please provide the generally accepted global mortality rate, from WHO or other data held by the Ministry.*

This information is publicly available at: [www.who.int/data/gho/data/themes/mortality-and-global-health-estimates](http://www.who.int/data/gho/data/themes/mortality-and-global-health-estimates).

*“For each of these diseases, please also provide the following information held by the Ministry for 2018 or the latest available pre-Covid calendar year*

- a. *The number of cases in New Zealand*

The Ministry does not have access to primary care data and cannot provide the number of cases in New Zealand of all listed diseases. This information is held by Primary Health Organisations. Therefore, the Ministry is refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) as the information requested is not held by the Ministry.

- b. *The number of hospitalisations in New Zealand*

This information is publicly available at: [www.health.govt.nz/publication/privately-funded-hospital-discharges-1-july-2017-30-june-2018](http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/privately-funded-hospital-discharges-1-july-2017-30-june-2018).

- c. *The number of deaths in New Zealand*

This information is publicly available at: <https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/mortality-web-tool/>.

- d. *The percentage of people in New Zealand immunised*

Responding to this part of your request would involve a substantial amount of work as each vaccine has its own selection criteria and the Ministry does not have coverage reports for the individual vaccines requested. I have considered whether charging or extending the time to compile the information would enable us to respond. However, as each vaccine has its own selection criteria, and the Ministry do not hold the coverage reports, I do not believe it is in the public interest to do so. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Allan', written in a cursive style.

Nick Allan  
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**Office of the Director-General**