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Tēnā koe Cam

Transfer of your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 8 July 2021 for information relating to Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan.

Part of your request asks for:

"Copies of all legal opinions/reports/analysis on growing genetically engineered low nicotine tobacco under the current Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996."

The Ministry of Health does not hold any information relating to your request; however, I have been advised that this information is more closely connected with the functions of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to EPA under section 14 of the Act. You can expect a response from EPA in due course.

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 or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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