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Tēnā koe Anna McAfee

### **Transfer of your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 11 August 2021 for:

*“Please provide documents pertaining to the exact methods and technology used by New Zealand laboratories, to detect the Delta Variant of the Covid 19 Virus.”*

The Ministry of Health does not hold any information relating to your request; however, I have been advised that this information is held by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR). For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to ESR under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect a response from ESR 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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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

**Copy of OIA request**

Dear Ministry of Health,

Please provide documents pertaining to the exact methods and technology used by New Zealand laboratories, to detect the Delta Variant of the Covid 19 Virus.

Yours faithfully,

Anna McAfee

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This is an Official Information request made via the FYI website.