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Tēnā koe Scott.

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 10 September 2021 for:

"...copies of all minutes for HDEC meetings where research submitted through the COVID-19 emergency pathway was discussed, dated since the beginning of October 2020. In other words, I request copies of all COVID-19 Health and Disability Ethics Committee meeting minutes, dated since the beginning of October 2020."

The requested minutes are publicly available on the Health and Disability Ethics Committee (HDEC) website at the following link: www.ethics.health.govt.nz/about-the-committees/meeting-dates-venues-and-minutes/extra-meetings/. The minutes can be found under the 'COVID-19 ESOP Minutes from September 2020 - to date' heading. Please note, these minutes date back to September 2020.

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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa. nā

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