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Micky Turner

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Ref: PMO 2021-364

Dear Micky Turner

Official Information Act request regarding Vitamin D treatment for COVID-19

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 2 December 2021. You requested:

“Low Vitamin D prior to Covid 19 infection is associated with bad outcomes. The required level of Vitamin D for good health at all ages is deemed to be at least 50 nanomoles per litre (nmol/L) of blood. A ViDA study showed that 20 percent of Pākehā participants, 39 percent of Māori, 47 percent of Pacific and 72 percent of South Asian participants had less than 50 nmol/L. On 2nd June 2020 the Prime Minister was advised to supplement this at-risk population. It is now 2nd December 2021. Can you please forward information detailing the Labour Government's Vitamin D rollout to at risk people during the last 18 months?”

I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna'.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff