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Tēnā koe Harrison

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 7 December 2021 for:

“...all information Ministry of Health holds on security vulnerabilities they know about for software products provided by Valencia Technologies.”

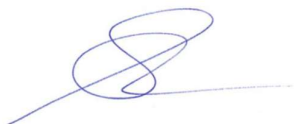
The release of this information is likely to compromise the health and safety of patients and service user information, as well as disclose details that would increase the security risk of public health bodies. For this reason, the information requested is withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- section 9(2)(ba)(i), to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source; and
- section 9(2)(c), to avoid prejudice to measures to protect the health or safety of the public; and
- section 9(2)(e), to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public.

I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

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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