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Tēnā koe Harold

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 13 December 2021 for information relating to the COVID-19 Science and Technical Advisory team.

You specifically requested:

"1) A copy of the report "Transitioning to COVID-19 endemicity: Laboratory considerations"

The Ministry is releasing this to you in full in Document 1 attached to this letter.

The Ministry is still considering the below parts of your request, which we will endeavour to respond to as soon as possible. Please accept our sincerest apologies for the delay:

- 2) Copies of any other reports on the topic of transitioning to COVID-19 endemicity
- 3) A list of all reports produced by the COVID-19 Science and Technical Advisory team since the beginning of the year, including the report title and date of issue".

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 ngļa, nā

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