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Tēnā koe Oscar

## Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 3 January 2022. You specifically requested:

"Copy's of all correspondence within the Ministry of Health regarding the MIQ rule's broken by Robert Etheridge.

Copy's of any written correspondence between the Ministry of Health (any staff member) and Robert Etheridge or his staff/managers.

Copy's of all correspondence with any other government agencies in regards to the MIQ rule's broken by Robert Etheridge."

The information you have requested is withheld in its entirety under section 9(2)(h) of the Act to maintain legal professional privilege. 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: <a href="mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz">info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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