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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) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 12 May 2022 relating to the COVID-19 Disinformation Assessment and Response Team (DART). I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

*1) The identity of all agencies involved in the team's operations*

The Ministry of Health is the only agency involved in DART operations.

*2) The team's terms of reference*

*3) Copies of all standard operating procedures, policies, instructions or other documents which govern the team's operations*

*4) Copies of all briefings to any minister on the topic of the team's establishment, and any reports-back submitted to ministers on the team's operation*

This information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

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](mailto: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 website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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