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Tēnā koe DE

Transfer of your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 18 May 2022 for information regarding COVID-19 deaths. Please find the part of your request that is to be transferred below:

2. Re: Who determines cause of death in covid cases, and how is it done Q2.1 How many people are involved in determining the cause of death of people who died who had been infected within 28 days (or longer) of a covid infection? Q2.2 What are the qualifications and experience in determining causation - of each of those involved in this process?

Q2.3 Please indicate what method is used for this retrospective assessment of cause of death: eg medical file review etc

The Ministry of Health does not hold any information relating to this part of your request; however, I have been advised that this information is held by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). For this reason, I have decided to partially transfer your request to MoJ under section 14 of the Act. You can expect a response from MoJ in due course.

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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