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Tēnā koe Chris

Transfer of OIA Request

Thank you for your follow-up email received on 13 September 2022 requesting further clarification around information provided to you under the Official Information Act 1982. This included:

"I am really struggling with the responses. The one and only benefit / risk assessment says that the "benefit / risk" is not clear. You then go on to say that provisional approval would not be granted unless the benefits outweigh the risks.

I will make it easy

"Please provide the benefit / risk assessment(s) that were relied on by MACC / Medsafe to grant provisional approval".

Despite you and all organizations saying benefits outweigh the risks there hasn't been one comprehensive report showing this to be the case.

So if this documentation is unable to be provided I am assuming it isn't available which raises some serious questions on if this should have been approved at all?

MOH & Medsafe regularly use the statement "benefits outweigh the risks" as justification for this poison to still be in use. Please provide the information that supports this statement.

Or confirm no such information exists and that New Zealanders have a continue to be lied too."

As your request asks for information which is believed to be held by the Ministry of Health, I have decided to transfer your request to the Ministry of Health under section 15 of the Act.

You can expect a response from the Ministry of Health 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 contact by email at:

info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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