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Tēnā koe Mark

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 28 October 2022 for:

“In the years 2020 and 2021 how many people were hospitalised as a result of drinking tap water in New Zealand?”

Your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by Manatū Hauora and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

Information about rates of illness where untreated drinking water has been identified as a risk factor can be found on the Environmental Health Intelligence New Zealand website at: <https://ehinz.ac.nz/indicators/water/drinking-water-quality/water-borne-diseases-related-to-drinking-water/>.

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 Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

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