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Tēnā koe Frank

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), which was transferred from Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 1 August 2023. You requested:

*“Each building that is currently identified as the building intended/likely to be used as an EOC by the relevant health authority after a seismic event”*

The information you have requested is withheld in full under section 9(2)(c) of the Act, to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public. Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the countervailing public interest in releasing information and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

Manatū Hauora is required under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 to develop a national emergency management plan, which can be found at: [www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/national-health-emergency-plan-oct15-v2.pdf](http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/national-health-emergency-plan-oct15-v2.pdf). This plan is aligned with the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan and Strategy. The Emergency Management team at Manatū Hauora works on emergency management projects that will either lead or support a national response.

Please note, health and disability providers are required under the Health and Disability Services Safety Act 2000 to have major incident and emergency plans. Other providers not covered by the Health and Disability Services Safety Act 2000 are not required by law to have emergency plans in place, but it may be part of their contract to have one. Sound business practice dictates that providers at least have a robust service continuity plan to respond to any emergency situation.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: [oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz).

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 Manatū Hauora 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jason Jones', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jason Jones  
**Director Emergency Management**  
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