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Tēnā koe John

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 7 November 2023 for information regarding the Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board). You requested:

The full meeting minutes of Medical Radiation Technologists Board from 1st Jan 2021 to now. Also the updated register of each board member's conflict of interest. To ensure public transparency, I encourage the board to consider publish it's meeting minutes on their website.

Manatū Hauora does not hold information regarding meeting minutes of the Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board). Therefore, 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.

While Manatū Hauora does not maintain a conflict of interest register relating to each member of the Board, we do hold information regarding individual conflict of interest declarations obtained during a member's application process. However, this information is withheld in full under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

You may wish to contact the Board directly with your request for information. While the Board, as a responsible authority, is not subject to the Act, it is required to consider requests under the Privacy Act 2020 in accordance with the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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.

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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