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Tēnā koe Mr Corher

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 6 March 2024 for information regarding Smokefree. You requested:

“...any correspondence or research you have conducted concerning future costs, related to things such as loss of life and healthcare spending, related to the rollback of the Smokefree Legislation.”

The information you seek is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist. The Ministry has not conducted any research concerning future costs, related to the loss of life and healthcare spending related to the rollback of the Smokefree Legislation. There is also no correspondence within the Ministry discussing these matters.

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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