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Tēnā koe Erika

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 8 March 2024 for:

“Please would you share the information on how you are issuing fines in the workplace under this act, if you do not have designated authority under s191 of the health and safety at work act?”

The Ministry are not issuing fines under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Ministry enforcement officers had the authority to issue fines under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 for those breaching Orders under this legislation, not the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. That authority applied whether or not an offence occurred in a workplace.

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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