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Dear Ms Whittome

Official Information Act request dated 4 June 2024

We refer to your email dated 4 June 2024 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**). The answers to your specific questions are set out below.

Request: Did Covid 19 arise out of the nature of work at TVNZ?

The question is not about transmission which is passing a disease from one person to another. It's about the arising of the disease. How does the disease come about? ie did the disease originate from the kind of work taking place at TVNZ ? For example, if I demolish a building with asbestos, then asbestos lung is a disease which arises out of the kind of work taking place....that is demolition works of asbestos materials. The demolition work leads to asbestos lung if workers are not adequately protected from the asbestos materials.

Please would you provide the information on the disease arising out of the nature of the work at TVNZ?

Response: The World Health Organization says that the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus¹ which was discovered in Wuhan, China.² COVID-19 did not arise out of the nature of work at TVNZ.

Please note that section 28 of the Act sets out the circumstances in which you may make a complaint to the Ombudsman in order to seek an investigation and review of this decision.

Yours sincerely,

Official Information Requests Team
TVNZ

¹ https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1

² <https://www.webmd.com/covid/coronavirus-history>