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Tēnā koe Catherine

### **Official Information Act 1982 request: Government entities no longer in existence**

Thank you for your request to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) of 30 June 2024 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Specifically, you requested:

*Please provide information as to how to obtain information under the Official Information Act for entities no longer in existence. Specifically information that would have been held by the Public Health Units prior to the July 2022 restructure of the health system.*

*What section/sub section of the Official Information Act if any covers this circumstance?*

*How would the Public Records Act apply in this circumstance? What agency/entity would be responsible if any for holding the records of agencies/entities no longer in existence?*

*Please provide examples from any sectors/agencies/entities where requests under the Official Information Act have been successful in obtaining information from agencies/entities that no longer exist.*

This request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as this information is not held by the Ministry. However, I am able to provide the following information, which I trust is of assistance to you.

The Office of the Ombudsman may have some relevant guidance to assist with interpreting the provisions of the Act, and can be contacted by emailing [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Health NZ may be able to provide some guidance about how to request information that was held by former Public Health Units, and can be contacted by emailing [hnzOIA@health.govt.nz](mailto:hnzOIA@health.govt.nz)

The Public Records Act 2005 (the PRA) is administered by the Department of Internal affairs (DIA). DIA may have some relevant guidance on how the PRA interacts with the Act, and can be contacted by emailing [oia@dia.govt.nz](mailto:oia@dia.govt.nz)

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz)

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/](https://justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/)

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by phone on 0800 802 602 or by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Louise Ainsley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Louise Ainsley

**Manager, Ministerial Relations and Services**