

25 November 2020

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By email: [REDACTED]
Ref: H202008329

Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 19 November 2020 for:

“All records in the possession, custody or control of the Ministry of Health describing the isolation of any Viruses on the New Zealand Immunisation Schedule, directly from a sample taken from a human patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; lung cells from a lung cancer patient).”

The Ministry of Health has not identified any information in scope of your request, therefore I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act. However, the Institute of Environmental Science and Research may hold some useful information. They can be contacted at: www.esr.cri.nz/home/contact-us/.

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.

Yours sincerely



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