



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Official Information Act Transfer

Our ref: OIA 2023-0334

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 25 January 2024 where you asked:

“Under the New Zealand Official Information Act, I request the following information.

- 1. How many “Covid 19 test kits” did New Zealand import in 2017 via WITS (World Integrated Trade Solution)?*
- 2. How many PCR tests did New Zealand import in 2017 via WITS (World Integrated Trade Solution)?*

World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS) appears to have taken down the information regarding the above trades.

No doubt the information regarding the above Trades is still available via a particular NZ Government department who would have hopefully ensured the records regarding NZ Trades are kept secure and such records can be called upon at any time.

To end, I do hold unequivocal evidential material that shows, in 2017 and 2018 that NZ, as well as over 40 countries, were (via WITS) importing and exporting COVID 19 test kits and PCR Test.

*I do hope Commissioner that you are **NOT** one that supports a lie but rather a person that supports the truth”*

We have transferred your request to Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand (Health New Zealand), as the information to which your request relates is not held by us but is believed to be held by Health New Zealand. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 to transfer your request.

You will hear further from Health New Zealand concerning your request.

Yours sincerely

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