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By email: wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org

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Tēnā koe Wendy

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 5 August 2024 following up from your previous request (H2024048349 refers). Each part of your request is responded to below:

Can you provide a list of all relevant stakeholders? (being those that will be communicated with as part of considering the recommendations and determining next steps)?

As stated in response to your previous request (H2024048349 refers), the recommendations of the National Reserve Supply Technical Advisory Group detail the composition, quantities, and storage of national reserve supplies. Due to a combination of commercial and national security sensitivities, this precludes us from providing more specific information. Under the following grounds of the Act

- section 6(a) as its release would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand; and
- section 9(2)(b)(ii) where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.

However, all relevant stakeholders will be communicated with as part of considering the recommendations and determining next steps.

Please advise when the relevant stakeholders were/will be communicated with? (For example, what date in July or August, or are they planning to be communicated with in September or October 2024?)

Could you expand on the range of possible next steps? Your letter mentions determining next steps.

I am unable to provide more specific information in addition to the answer to question 1. The next steps are yet to be determined.

Is there any consideration in the next steps of inviting public consultation on the NRS or on making the contents of the NRS public?

The Ministry has no intention of inviting public consultation or making the contents of the National Reserve Supply public.

Can you advise whether Hon Dr Shane Reti has received a copy of the recommendations? I consider this matter is of public importance and would like to meet with him to discuss this matter further.”

The Minister of Health, Hon Dr Minister Reti, will be kept informed of all relevant ongoing work in this area through our normal Ministry reporting channels.

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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