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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your requests under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 19 July 2022 and 4 August 2022 for information about the SARS-CoV-2 virus and COVID-19 disease. Rather than repeat your requests in full, they are attached as Appendix 1 to this response.

On 23 May 2022, in response to the latest in a series of requests about the existence of viruses and whether they caused disease, you were advised:

“As you have been advised previously, particularly in the context of the SARS- COV-2 virus, Poliovirus and Marburg viruses, the Ministry does not hold this information. There is no requirement under the Act for the agencies subject to it to create new information or compile information they do not hold. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(g)(i) as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act. Please note the Ministry does not conduct scientific research or studies. Please refer to online scientific studies for further information: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>. You have been advised that should you make further requests for the same information the Ministry may refuse your requests under section 18(h) of the Act, as they may be considered frivolous or vexatious.”

As you have continued to ask for information to which the Ministry has previously provided a response, these requests are refused under section 18(h) as vexatious.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix 1 – detailed requests

Request received 19 July 2022

This is a formal request for access to general records, made under the *Official Information Act*.

Please Note: I have already received a response from ESR. Please do not forward this request to any other department or organization as I would expect the Ministry to hold this information because the ministry has created policies and mandates that rely on the information requested.

Description of Requested Records:

All records in the possession, custody or control of the **The New Zealand Ministry of Health** that scientifically proves the existence of SARS-COV-2 virus.

Scientific proof is NOT

- Opinions
- Speculation
- Review papers
- Descriptive papers

Scientific Proof is

- Experiments that follow the scientific method
- Repeatable experiments that produce identical results
- Experiments all have valid control groups

Scientific Method

The scientific method is a process used to prove or disprove hypotheses. My request requires the hypothesis to include the claim of existence of SARS-COV-2 particles. If the records do not have a hypothesis or do not have a hypothesis that claims the existence of SARS-COV-2, then these records are disqualified from my request.

Repeatability

I am requesting records that only use the scientific method and where the experiments have been repeated multiple times where the results were 100% the same. For any of the SARS-COV-2 Genome Sequences, multiple experiments must have been conducted and produced a 100% match for the SARS-COV-2 genome sequence the researchers found. Records that have not been repeated with 100% matches for the SARS-COV-2 genome are disqualified from my request.

Controls

A control experiment is an experiment that has exactly the same parameters of the experimental group sans the variable being tested. For cell culture experiments, the control group should have exactly the same composition sans the SARS-COV-2 viruses. Experiments that do not have a valid control as defined are disqualified from my request.

Summary

Please provide all records that scientifically prove the existence of SARS-COV-2 as defined in this request.

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

Format: Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Please also provide your official response in PDF format.

Request received 4 August 2022

This is a formal request for access to general records, made under the *Official Information Act*.

NOTE: Please do not forward to ESR or any other department as I have already requested these records directly from ESR. The MOH should have these records in their possession as MOH has created mandates based on SARS-COV-2 causing disease.

Description of Requested Records:

All records in the possession, custody or control of the **New Zealand Ministry of Health** that scientifically proves SARS-COV-2 virus causes COVID-19 disease. Scientific proof is NOT

- Opinions
- Speculation
- Review papers
- Descriptive papers
- Pseudoscience

Pseudoscience consists of statements, [beliefs](#), or practices that claim to be both scientific and factual but are incompatible with the [scientific method](#).

Scientific Proof is

- Experiments that follow the [scientific method](#)
- Repeatable experiments that produce identical results
- Experiments all have valid control groups

Scientific Method

The scientific method is a process used to prove or disprove hypotheses. My request requires the hypothesis to include the claim that SARS-COV-2 particles cause COVID-19 disease. The hypothesis must be scientifically proven. If the records do not have a hypothesis or do not have a hypothesis that claims SARS-COV-2 causes COVID-19, then these records are disqualified from my request.

Repeatability

I am requesting records that only use the scientific method and where the experiments have been repeated multiple times, with results that were completely reproducible. For animal infectivity experiments, the particles alleged to be 'SARS-COV-2' must have been shown to be the independent variable that caused the disease by comparison with valid controls.

Controls

A control experiment is an experiment that has exactly the same parameters of the experimental group *sans* the independent variable being tested. For cell culture experiments, the control group should have exactly the same composition *sans* the alleged SARS-COV-2 viruses. For animal infectivity experiments, the introduced exposure to the control group needs to be exactly the same as the experimental group *sans* the alleged virus particles. Experiments that do not have a valid control as defined are disqualified from my request.

Validation of Measurements

Tests that claim to find viruses must have been validated against the gold standard (IE purification). Unvalidated tests used in experiments are disqualified from my request.

Summary

Please provide all records that scientifically prove the SARS-COV-2 virus causes COVID-19 disease.

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

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Tue, Aug 9, 2022 at 4:13 PM

[REDACTED]
To: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>

I am writing an official complaint to the response that I have received from the Ministry of Health.

I have never requested the Ministry of health for

- the scientific proof using the scientific method of existence of SARS-COV-2 from the Ministry of health
- the scientific proof using the scientific method for SARS-COV-2 causing COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health.

Because I have never requested the above records, it is impossible for my request to be vexatious.

Therefore, I expect the Ministry of Health to rectify the Ministry of health's error by:

- 1)
 - a) Providing records that scientifically proves the existence of SARS-COV-2 as detailed in my request using the scientific method
 - b) Providing records that scientifically proves SARS-COV-2 causes COVID-19 using the scientific method

OR

- 2) If these records do not exist (which I have not been able to find)
 - a) Provides a legitabite response to my request removing erroneous claims such as Vexatious.
 - b) The ministry of Health writes an apology to me for abusing the Official Information Act

I expect a response within 7-days or this will be taken to the Ombudsman.

Thank you for your time.

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