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Tēnā koe Erika

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your follow up request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 20 March 2024. You requested:

“How many fines were collected by authorized enforcement persons under s 18 (1) (f) of the Covid-19 Public Health Response Act. The fines I've referring to were for businesses and for individuals.”

No fines were collected by authorised enforcement officers under section 18(1)(f) of the Covid-19 Public Health Response Act. Ministry of Health enforcement officers do not collect fines. All infringement fees paid in respect of infringement offences must be paid into a Crown Bank Account in accordance with section 32 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020. As set out in your previous response (H2024035624 refers), the amount received by the Ministry of Health and paid into a Crown Bank Account in payment of fines was \$11,600 (no GST).

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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