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Tēnā koe Erika

### Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00043065

Thank you for your request, transferred from the Ministry of Health on 10 April 2024, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Would you please provide all the information related to the procurement of COVID-19 Test kits in 2017?*

*The product is described as:*

*COVID-19 Test kits: Diagnostic reagents based on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) nucleic acid test.*

*Category: COVID-19 Test kits/ Instruments, apparatus used in Diagnostic Testing*

*The World Integrated Trade Solution reports that New Zealand imported USD73,293.40 of such COVID-19 test kits in 2017:*

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*Kindly provide all the memos, correspondence and procurement documents for the decision to purchase these Covid-19 PCR test kits in 2017.*

### Response

I can advise that no medical tests used in the diagnostic testing of COVID-19 were purchased by Health NZ in 2017.

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist.

### How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [hnzOIA@tewhatauora.govt.nz](mailto:hnzOIA@tewhatauora.govt.nz).

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Nāku iti noa, nā



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