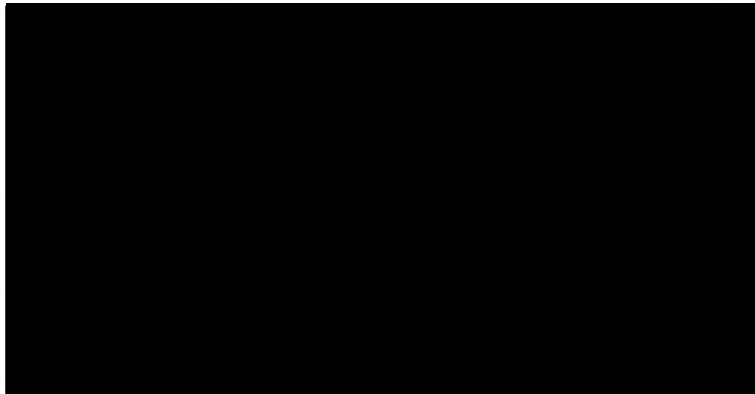


9 February 2021



Re: Official Information Act request – Communications re Lab Specimens 10-12 August 2020

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 18 December 2020 requesting the following information:

I request all original communications including briefings, reports, memos, aide's memoirs, cabinet papers and texts regarding the following information:

- **Between August 10 – Aug 12 2020 inclusive, including....between the laboratories that processed Lab Ref Specimens 20-6183914-NCV-0 and 154W3P563500 and health officials.**

Lab Specimen Reference 154W3P563500 was processed and reported at **ADHB LabPlus**. Lab Specimen 20-6183914-NCV-0 is a Lab specimen reference number associated with **Labtests**.

As you will be aware, there will be technical and operational communications between various parties about positive Covid-19 results. We have assumed that these are not what you have requested, in part because they are personal health information of the related patients. In relation to non-operational communications regarding the two tests specified, no such information is held by Auckland DHB, including by LabPlus or Auckland Regional Public Health Service.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive of Te Toka Tumai (Auckland District Health Board)