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Date: Wednesday, 15 May 2024 at 3:39 PM
To: Wendy McGuinness <wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org>
Subject: Transfer of your request for official information: H2024041329 CRM:0114057

Tēnā koe Wendy,

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 13 May 2024.

Manatū Hauora does not hold any information relating to your request; however, I have been advised that this information is held by Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to their agency under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora (hnzoia@tewhatuora.govt.nz) in due course.

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.

Ngā mihi

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From: Wendy McGuinness <wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org>;
Received: Mon May 13 2024 08:38:08 GMT+1200 (New Zealand Standard Time)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: ps@mcguinnessinstitute.org;
Subject: OIA: Statistics on all New Zealand COVID-19 attributed deaths (Our OIA 2024/12)

Mōrena,

Our OIA 2024/12: Statistics on all New Zealand COVID-19 attributed deaths

The Institute is currently in the process of preparing a [second edition of COVID-19 Nation Dates](#). The second edition will build on the existing events as well as new events from 23 January 2020 to May 2024. As part of this process, we have a few outstanding questions on the statistics of deaths attributable from COVID-19.

Please use the latest total figures of 'all New Zealand COVID-19 attributed deaths' when answering the

following four questions (e.g. see the image below, the figure currently stands at 3944 deaths). Please simply provide the 'as at date', as we appreciate it may be tricky to calculate a figure. For example, either an as at date for 31 March 2024 or as at 30 April 2024 figure are both fine.

Importantly, we could not find this information on your website (e.g. the closest we were able to find was as follows: <https://github.com/minhealthnz/nz-covid-data/blob/main/cases/weekly-deaths.csv>). If you have an excel of deaths by age attributable to COVID-19, please email the excel as we can simply use the raw data to generate answers to the following four questions. We are happy if this data is in age ranges as well.

Question 1: What is the average age of all deaths?

Question 2: What is the total cumulative deaths by each year of age (e.g. this could be by age or by age bands)?

Question 3: What is the median (mid-point)?

Question 4: What is the mode (the age/ages that appears most often)?

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks, Wendy

Wendy McGuinness
Chief Executive

PS: See image below on www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/for-health-professionals/data-and-statistics/covid-19-data/covid-19-current-case

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