

Subject: OIA 2026/05 – Request for information on the procurement process of Personal Protective Equipment for the NRS
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Attachments: Pharmac Invitation to supply PPE letter.pdf

Kia ora,

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We have the following questions regarding responses to the letter (dated 23 May 2024, attached and found on your website [here](#)). These questions are in light of the national reserve supply (NRS) undergoing a comprehensive review in 2023 led by the Ministry of Health (see MOH website [here](#)). Note: We acknowledge that some or all of this information may be withheld under the Official Information Act 1982. However, we would appreciate the provision of high-level information where possible. For example, if it is not possible to provide specific details about the type of PPE supplied, could you please indicate the relevant high-level PPE category, such as: (a) non-sterile gloves; (b) gowns and aprons; (c) disinfectant wipes and tablets; (d) masks; (e) eyewear; (f) headwear; or (g) other coverings.

1. Has this procurement process (see letter dated 23 May 2024) resulted in an increase in the quantity of the NRS PPE?
2. Has this procurement process resulted in any new contracts with *New Zealand suppliers* to manufacture PPE for supply to the NRS? If yes, please advise the *duration* of these contracts and the *types* of PPE being supplied to the NRS.
3. Has this procurement process resulted in any new contracts with *overseas suppliers* to manufacture PPE for supply to the NRS? If yes, please advise *what countries, what durations* and *what types* of PPE?
4. Has Pharmac undertaken or plan to undertake further round/s of invitations for ROIs for the procurement of PPE for the NRS? If yes, please explain in detail and provide correspondence.
5. Do you rely on the *National Health Emergency Plan: National Reserve Supplies Management and Usage Policies, 3rd edition (2013)* (directly or indirectly) when undertaking a procurement process?
6. Please provide links to any other documents or guidance Pharmac relies on when undertaking procurement processes for stocking the NRS?

Please let Arne know if any further clarification is required.

Many thanks,

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