

Subject: Partial Transfer of your request for official information (HNZ00203720) CRM:0288145
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From: hnzOIA
To: McGuinness Institute OIAs
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Kia ora Wendy

Thank you for your request of 19 May 2026 for the following information:

1. Could you please clarify the roles and responsibilities Health NZ currently holds in relation to the NRS? Note: We understand that Health New Zealand took ownership of the NRS supply chain functions in July 2022 (see screenshot from the MOH website below), but there were no results found when doing a search of 'national reserve supply' on your website (see screenshot also below). Could you also clarify whether the 'Reserve stockpile of PPE' (found here) refers to the national reserve supply?

2. Could you please provide an up-to-date list all stock held in the National Reserve Supply? Please note that we are not concerned with the location of this stock, only the types of stock and the minimum quantities required to be held. Note: A list of the NRS stock held was previously available on the Ministry of Health website (see attachment 2), but has recently been removed.

3. What processes is Health NZ putting in place to ensure it maintains the appropriate types, sizes, and qualities of stock (for the NRS)? For example, one such initiative could be an annual review of stock with a diverse range of International and national experts and stakeholders (in which case please provide details). We imagine there is number of initiatives that are being implemented.

4. Has there been any consideration of the Switzerland emergency supply system (see page 63 of the final draft, in the link above)?

Recommendations from the National Reserve Supply Technical Advisory Group

5. Could you forward a copy of the National Reserve Supply Technical Advisory Group report, including a list of their recommendations?

6. Could you clarify what recommendations, if any, have been implemented by Health New Zealand?

Follow up questions from our recent OIA from Pharmac (attachment 1)

7. Can you confirm whether Health New Zealand has undertaken any bulk purchasing of medical devices/equipment resulting from the signing of the contracts on 1 April 2026 (see their response for the wider context). If yes, can you provide a list of what PPE, and the quantity, that was purchased from each company listed in their response?

8. Has Health New Zealand 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?

Questions 4, 5 & 6 of your request asks for information which is more closely aligned with the functions of the Ministry of Health (MoH).

For this reason, Health New Zealand has decided to transfer these parts of your request in full to MoH under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act (OIA).

You can expect a response from MoH in due course.

Under section 28(3) of the OIA 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.

If you have any queries related to this request, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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