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By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H202206042

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 9 May 2022. You specifically requested:

“the number of Maori/Pasifika between 55 and 65 that were admitted to hospital with the flu in the last (say) 10 years versus the number of non-Maori/Pasifika? If these numbers aren't available, please explain the reason for the difference in eligibility.”

Please find the data you have requested in the table below.

Publicly funded hospital discharges due to Influenza for ages 55 – 64 (2012 – 2021)				
Year	Māori	Pasifika	Non-Māori Non-Pasifika	Total
2012	17	20	90	127
2013	14	14	95	123
2014	46	44	204	294
2015	44	53	180	277
2016	33	33	160	226
2017	98	88	308	494
2018	83	105	289	477
2019	137	109	441	687
2020	13	11	44	68
2021	1	5	6	12

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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