



**Te Kawa Mataaho**  
Public Service Commission

14 October 2024

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**Official Information Act Transfer**  
**Our ref: OIA 2024-0297**

I refer to your official information request dated 3 October 2024 for:

*“In the media Casey Costello said that she had independent advice about heated tobacco products. Please can I have a copy of the independent advice. I think we will all agree that it is a controversial topic and definitely in the public interest to see this advice considering it deals with the health of New Zealanders*

*Also, how many requests have you had for this information?”.*

We have transferred your request to Hon Casey Costello, Associate Minister of Health, as the information to which your request relates is not held by us but is believed to be held by the Associate Minister of Health. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 to transfer your request.

You will hear further from the Associate Minister of Health concerning your request.

Yours sincerely

Nicky Dirks  
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**Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission**