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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0451

Dear

## Official Information Act request for Shaun Hendy data modelling

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 19 October 2021. You requested:

"I would like to receive all data modelling from Henry's company. I believe I can prove what he has past on to government to base their decisions are wrong and he is deliberately extremely skewing information in order for him to collect a bigger pay check."

We requested that you clarify "who Henry's company is?". On 20th October 2021 you clarified:

"The Hendy who keeps on appearing on media as an expert. I understand he works as a professor at Auckland University who has no degree or relevant understanding of pandemics. His thesis was on the very hypothetical string theory and black holes."

Data modelling undertaken by Professor Shaun Hendy, Principal Investigator at Te Pūnaha Matatini, is available online at:

https://www.tepunahamatatini.ac.nz/covid-19/

Accordingly, I have refused your request under section 18(d) of the Act – the information requested is publicly available. For further information I would suggest that you contact Te Pūnaha Matatini directly.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response may be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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