

4 March 2021



Re: Official Information Act request – Covid laboratory testing on 14 Feb 2021

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 15 February 2021 requesting the following information:

I ask under the OIA the following questions relating to the community cases announced 14th February. I ask under urgency so that there is the very important independent analysis of what's known.

- 1. What laboratory performed the first test that came back positive**
- 2. Was this a pooled test**
- 3. What time did the first positive test occur on an RT PCR**
- 4. What time did further testing occur of the sample (if it was part of a pooled test)**
- 5. Was it treated as urgent**

- 1. What laboratory performed the first test that came back positive**

Labtests performed the test on the swab.

- 2. Was this a pooled test**

Yes, the specimen was placed on a pooled run.

- 3. What time did the first positive test occur on an RT PCR**

The testing of the pooled sample was completed at 12:45 on Saturday 13 February.

- 4. What time did further testing occur of the sample (if it was part of a pooled test)**

The individual sample testing of the positive pool samples was undertaken at 15:00 Saturday 13 February.

5. Was it treated as urgent

Yes.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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