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I refer to your email of 6 July 2021 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *If New Zealand's PPE supply to the Fiji Covid19 response, specifically medical grade disposable procedure masks, as outlined by Phil Twyford (speech attached to this email) came from the NZ Covid19 Central Supply?*
2. *Why was the New Zealand PPE supply to Fiji's Covid19 response not available on GETS?*

I can confirm that the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplied to Fiji came from either the New Zealand Ministry of Health's central supply or was drawn from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's pre-positioned stockpile, procured in 2020. This made tendering on GETS unnecessary.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website.

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Nāku noa, nā



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