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Thank you for your email of 5 June 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Can you advise what antibiotics for MRSA were sent to Samoa as a result of the MRSA pneumonia and related deaths attributed to measles in 2019?

You submitted this OIA request on the same day as you received a response from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) to your OIA request for situation reports and briefings from the 2019/2020 measles outbreak in Samoa.


The Ministry does not hold any information relating to antibiotics sent to Samoa in 2019, therefore your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you requested does not exist.

The Ministry contacted the Ministry of Health, Health New Zealand, and Pharmac seeking to transfer your request. All three agencies informed us that they do not hold the information you requested.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:
www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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