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Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00018062

Thank you for your email on 3 May 2023, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

“Please provide all the information you hold relating to the decision to call pregnant women “pregnant people” in tweets made yesterday.”

Currently, Te Whatu Ora refers to the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission’s Rainbow inclusive language guide to ensure we use language that is inclusive of rainbow communities. You can find the guide here: <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/guidance/rainbow-inclusive-language-guide/>. We are not aware of any other formal guidance around referring to pregnant people at this time.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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