



1 November 2021

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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0211

Dear Scott

### Official Information Act request relating to COVID-19 Monitoring Reports

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 3 September 2021. You requested:

*"I would like to make a request for copies of all DPMC COVID-19 monitoring reports, dated since the beginning of August  
For clarity, I am asking for copies of the type of report I received in response to a request I made to DPMC earlier this year, e.g. this report dated 22 September 2020."*

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because it necessitated consultations to be undertaken before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

In your request you ask for copies of the *COVID-19 Weekly Monitoring Report* prepared since the beginning of August 2021.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet no longer prepares these monitoring reports, they have been replaced by the *COVID-19: Across Government Daily Situation Reports*.

We have interpreted your request to be for copies of the *COVID-19: Across Government Daily Situation Reports* from 1 August 2021 to 3 September 2021. There are 13 reports within scope of your request dated 19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,29,30 August, and 1,3 September 2021. There were no reports prepared on 28, 31 August and 2 September 2021.

I am partially releasing these situation reports to you. Some information is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(a) – to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- section 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of individuals
- section 9(2)(i) - to protect the Crown's commercial activity.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

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

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely



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