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Dear Matthew Hooton

Official Information Act request relating to Cabinet papers and material regarding COVID-19 Alert Levels for the upper North Island

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 29 October 2021. You requested:

“Under the OIA, I request all Cabinet papers and other material considered by Cabinet today that include or reference advice from officials and/or outside experts on appropriate Covid levels for Auckland, Northland, Waikato and the rest of New Zealand”

The information you have requested will soon be made publicly available on the Unite Against COVID-19 website ([COVID19.govt.nz](https://www.uniteagainstcovid19.govt.nz)).

Accordingly, I have refused your request under section 18(d) of the Act – as the information requested will soon be publicly available.

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

Yours sincerely

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Chris Hipkins

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