

# Hon Chris Hipkins

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Dear Matthew

## Official Information Act request relating to [Hooton] Cabinet Papers (C19)

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 26 November 2021. You requested:

*“Yesterday afternoon, the Prime Minister made a number of announcements related to COVID-19 based on decisions at a Cabinet meeting earlier in the day.*

*Under the OIA, please provide me with copies of all Cabinet papers and other written material considered at that meeting relevant to the Covid-19 announcements.”*

The relevant Cabinet papers and minutes have been proactively released on the same website and can be found here:

[covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/](https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/)

Therefore, these parts of your request are refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is or 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CH', representing Chris Hipkins.

Hon Chris Hipkins  
**Minister for COVID-19 Response**