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Dear ASE

Official Information Act request relating to vaccines, human rights, crimes against humanity and war crimes

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 3 December 2021. You requested:

- 1. Is The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet aware of any long-term safety data for any COVID-19 inoculations? If so, what is that data?*
- 2. Is The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet aware of any long-term efficacy data for any COVID-19 inoculations? If so, what is that data?*
- 3. What consideration within The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has been given to the status of COVID-19 inoculations as “experimental” medical treatments? What scientific and medical basis does The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet have for asserting that COVID-19 inoculations are not “experimental” medical treatments? If this has not been considered within The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, then why has this not been considered?*
- 4. What contingency plans have been considered within The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, if COVID-19 inoculations may prove to be unsafe, ineffective, unnecessary, and/or otherwise harmful to personal health and/or public health (as “public health” is generally understood)? If this has not been considered within The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, then why has this not been considered?*
- 5. In consideration of positions, polices, and/or legislation (including, but not limited to messaging and medical advice, collective punishments, and segregation) which may appear as intent to use force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior forms of constraint or coercion to encourage, incentivize, or otherwise promote COVID-19 inoculations, what consideration within The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has been given to the effects of such positions, polices, and/or legislation respecting healthcare providers' legal and ethical obligations to empower their patients to exercise their rights of informed consent (including rights of informed refusal)? How do such positions, polices, and/or legislation respect patients' rights regarding informed consent (including rights of informed refusal)? If this has not been considered within The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, then why has this not been considered?*
- 6. In consideration of positions, polices, and/or legislation (including, but not limited to messaging and medical advice, collective punishments, and segregation) which may appear as intent to use force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior forms of constraint or coercion to encourage, incentivize, or otherwise promote COVID-19 inoculations, what consideration within The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has been given to the effects of such positions, polices, and/or*

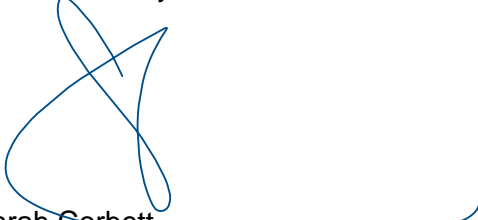
legislation respecting individual human rights (including human rights as recognised under national and international frameworks), such as individual human rights to privacy and confidentiality of medical information; and individual human rights to refuse medical treatment, with or without reason? If this has not been considered within The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, then why has this not been considered?

- 7. In consideration of the questions raised above, and related matters, what consideration within The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has been given to the possibility that positions, polices, and/or legislation (including, but not limited to messaging and medical advice, collective punishments, and segregation) which may appear as intent to use force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior forms of constraint or coercion to encourage, incentivize, or otherwise promote COVID-19 inoculations, may expose proponents, advocates, and/or actors on behalf of such positions, polices, and/or legislation to culpability for human rights violations, crimes against humanity, and/or war crimes? If this has not been considered within The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, then why has this not been considered?"*

I believe that parts 1 and 2 of your request, which ask for long term safety and efficacy data regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, are more closely connected to the functions of the Ministry of Health. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer these parts of your request to the Ministry of Health. The other parts of the request will remain with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for response. I apologise for the undue delay for this transfer.

The Ministry of Health has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely



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