

# Hon Chris Hipkins

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Ref. CHOIA204

Dear Malcolm,

## Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 20 December 2021 for:

*Why is the vaccine certificate not called an Immunity Certificate and not include natural immunity under the "COVID-19 Response (Vaccinations) Legislation Act 2021" and the "COVID-19 Public Health Response (COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate) Order 2021" , like most other western countries do ?*

*What studys, (sic) data , information etc were used by parliament whether relied on or not to pass the COVID-19 Response (Vaccinations) Legislation Act 2021, regarding excluding natural immunity ? Please supply copies of all of it.*

*What studys, (sic) data , information etc did you use whether you relied on or not to make this COVID-19 Public Health Response (COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate) Order 2021 , regarding excluding natural immunity ? Please supply copies of all of it.*

After a search of our records, my office has not found any information within scope of your request. Nor does the Act support requests where a statement – such as the policy decisions of another nation – are put to agency for response, couched as a request for official information. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information sought is not held by my office and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CH' followed by a stylized flourish.

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