

Hon Chris Hipkins

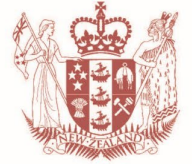
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Tēnā koe Chuck

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, which was partially transferred to me for response on 5 July 2022. You asked the following:

any and all correspondence sought by the Police and Defense to either MOH or Government or any other agency for mandating vaccines including but not limited to -recommendation reporting.

We note that on 15 July 2022, Police advised you that one document was believed to be in scope of your request. On further examination, we have determined that the document is not in scope as the document was not received by the former Minister of Police, Hon Poto Williams. I am therefore refusing this aspect of your request under s18(g) of the OIA, on the basis that the information is not held.

Police has followed a risk assessment process to determine the workplace implications which have informed an organisational policy. As COVID-19 has progressed since last year, the risk assessment and policy have been updated. Currently, all staff are encouraged to be fully vaccinated, including remaining up to date with boosters, in alignment with Ministry of Health public health guidance. Police recognise the right of a staff member to remain unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with my response to your request.

Nāku noa, nā

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Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Police