

# Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall

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Dear Scott

## Official Information Act request – COVID-19 Response Weekly Report

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request to Hon Chris Hipkins which was received by his office on 1 June 2022. You have requested:

*Copies of all COVID-19 Response Weekly Reports received by the minister, dated from the beginning of January 2022 to the end of May 2022. If these reports are scheduled for proactive release, I would like to request the release schedule.*

### Information will be publically available

The information covered by your request will soon be publically available on the Unite against COVID-19 website as follows:

Document Description	Date
Weekly Reports January and February 2022	Expected for release in the week beginning 25 July 2022
Weekly Reports March 2022	Expected for release in the week beginning 8 August 2022
Weekly Reports April 2022	Expected for release in the week beginning 22 August 2022
Weekly Reports May 2022	Expected for release in the week beginning 29 August 2022

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested will soon be publically available. In addition some relevant information has or will be removed from the documents listed and is withheld under the Act, on the grounds described in the documents.

If the Weekly Reports are proactively released earlier than indicated above, my office will let you know as soon as they have been published on the website.

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

Yours sincerely

Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Minister for COVID-19 Response