



1 November 2022

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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0198

Dear Harold

**Official Information Act request relating to Catalogue of COVID-19 Response Measures and Variant of Concern exercise**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 4 October 2022. Your request was:

*"I would like to make a request for the following documents referenced in the DPMC Briefing to the Incoming Minister for COVID-19 Response Ayesha Verrall:*

*ONE: On page 9 of the BIM, a "Catalogue of COVID-19 Response Measures" is referenced:*

*"Current readiness work includes ensuring the system is briefed on (through the NRG) health system planning for variants of concern and the development of the "Catalogue of COVID-19 Response Measures"."*

*I would like to request a copy of this "Catalogue of COVID-19 Response Measures".*

*TWO: On page 9 a COVID-19 variant of concern-related readiness exercise is referenced:*

*"...This includes ensuring that agencies are aware of their responsibilities should any of these measures be required in the future to respond to variants of concern. DPMC will support agencies to undertake this work, including via leading an exercise to ensure system readiness to respond to a new variant of concern preceding any transition of All of Government response functions from DPMC to health entities. A report on this exercise will be provided to you."*

*If this "new variant of concern" readiness exercise has been conducted, I would like to request a copy of the report produced summarising its outcomes – either the report for Minister Verrall referred to above if one was created, or if one wasn't whatever report was produced that summarises the outcomes of the exercise."*

I have decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limits for deciding on your request by an additional 10 working days. Consequently, the extended due date for your response will be 15 November 2022.

The extension is required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on your request. Despite the extension, a response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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 that reads "Jude Ulrich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jude Ulrich  
**Director, Organisation Direction and Development**