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Tēnā koe Sebastian

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 22 November 2021 for:

*“Copies of the minutes of all meetings of  
1) the CVIP Governance Group  
2) the CVIP Steering Group  
Dated since the beginning of April”*

On 1 June 2022, the Ministry issued a partial response to your request and released copies of the requested COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme Governance Group meeting minutes. In the same letter, you were advised that the remaining part of your request will be addressed on or before 10 June 2022.

Please find attached copies of the requested COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme Steering Group meeting minutes. These are itemised at Appendix 1 of this letter along with my decisions on release. Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, please note I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time. As advised in our letter of 1 June 2022, action trackers have been excluded as these are deemed out of scope of your request for “minutes of all meetings”.

Please also note that there is a spelling error on page 201, bullet point three of the minutes. This should read ‘first’ instead of ‘dirt’. In addition please note “removing” on page

I trust this 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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases).

Nāku noa, nā



Astrid Koornneef  
**Director**  
**National Immunisation Programme**

## Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	April – 22 November 2021	Minutes of CVIP Governance Group meetings	Released with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6(a) as its release would likely prejudice the international relations of the Government of New Zealand;</li><li>• 6(c) as its release would likely prejudice the maintenance of the law;</li><li>• 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons;</li><li>• 9(2)(b)(ii) where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information;</li><li>• 9(2)(ba)(ii) to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely damage the public interest</li><li>• 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers and officers and employees of any public service agency.</li></ul>