



2 February 2022

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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0782

Dear Scott

Official Information Act request relating to A-o-G situation reports

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 20 December 2021. You requested:

“You seem to have changed your approach to redacting a certain part of these documents since your 1 November response to my initial request.

For instance, comparing page 41 of your first response document (3 September report "Protests and Disinformation" section) and page 12 of your second response (8 September report "Compliance" section) shows that the latter is much more heavily redacted, although clearly the two cover the same topic. This is the case for every section covering this topic in your second response.

Are you able to please advise me why your approach has changed? If not, I will refer this to the Ombudsman to check if the redactions in the latter documents are appropriate.

In the meantime, I would like to make a follow up request. I would like to request:

Copies of all COVID-19 Across Government Situation Reports, dated since the beginning of November.”

Please note under Section 2(1) of the Act, days in the period commencing 25 December 2021 through to 15 January 2022, are not counted as working days. I have decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limits for deciding on your request by an additional 40 working days. Consequently, the extended due date for your response will be 5 April 2022.

The extension is required because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information, and consultations are needed before a decision can be made on your request. This includes reviewing the information that was sent to you in your previous requests and undertaking further consultations with the relevant agencies where necessary. 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

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial and Business Services