

5 May 2022

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Ref: OIA-2021/22-1218

Dear Scott

Official Information Act request for COVID-19 Across Government Situation Reports since 20 December 2021

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 6 April 2022. You requested:

"I would like to request copies of all COVID-19 Across Government Situation Reports, dated since 20 December 2021."

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below, subject to information being withheld as noted. The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

- Section 6(c), to protect the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial;
- Section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals;
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii), to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information;
- Section 9(2)(ba)(ii), to prevent damage to the public interest; and
- Section 9(2)(c), to protect the health or safety of members of the public.

Item	Date	Document Description/Subject
1.	21 December 2021	COVID-19: Across Government Situation Report
2.	18 January 2022	COVID-19: Across Government Situation Report

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

I have decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limits for deciding on the remainder of your request by an additional 20 working days. Consequently, the extended due date for the remainder of your response will be 7 June 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

Cheryl Barnes
Deputy Chief Executive, **COVID-19 Response**