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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0457

Dear Matthew Hooton

**Official Information Act request for documents from 18 October 2021 Cabinet meeting on COVID-19 Alert Levels**

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 18 October 2021. You requested:

*“Under the OIA, I request all Cabinet papers and other material considered by Cabinet today that include or reference advice from officials and/or outside experts on appropriate Covid levels for Auckland, Northland, Waikato and the rest of New Zealand.”*

I believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected to the functions of the Minister for COVID-19 Response, Hon Chris Hipkins. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to Minister Hipkins, as the Minister Responsible for the COVID-19 Response.

Minister Hipkins has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett  
**Manager Ministerial and Business Services**