



27 May 2021

Scott

By email: fyi-request-15473-423f8785@requests.fyi.org.nz

Reference: OIA-2020/21-0589

Dear Scott

Official Information Act request relating to COVID-19 response advisory groups

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 17 May 2021. You requested:

“...For the COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group I request, dated to 17 May:

- 1. Copies of all meeting minutes*
- 2. Copies of all advice provided to the Minister for the Covid-19 Response*

For the Strategic COVID-19 Public Health Advisory Group I request, dated to 17 May:

- 1. Copies of all meeting minutes*
- 2. Copies of all advice provided to the Minister for the Covid-19 Response and/or the Associate Minister for Public Health”*

I believe that the parts of your request for advice provided to Ministers is more closely connected to the functions of those Ministers. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, to partially transfer your request to the Minister for COVID-19 Response, Hon Chris Hipkins, where it relates to advice provided to the Minister from the COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group. I am also partially transferring your request to the Associate Minister of Health, Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall, where it relates to advice provided to the Minister by the Strategic COVID-19 Public Health Advisory Group.

The remainder of your request has not been transferred, and DPMC will respond in due course.

Both Ministers have the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make their decisions on the respective parts of your request.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial and Business Services