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Dear Scott

Ref: DOIA 2122-0160

I refer to your request dated 22 July 2021 for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

"I'd like to request copies of the following documents, dated since the beginning of February:

- 1) All email communications between MBIE and Biocell Corporation, including copies of all Biocell's COVID-19 vaccine "update reports"*
- 2) All email communications between MBIE and the Vaccine Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand"*

I have attached the email communications between MBIE and Biocell Corporation that are within scope. I will provide email communications between MBIE and the Vaccine Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand within the next week by 21 October 2021. Please note that some information in the documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

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| 9(2)(a) | in order to protect the privacy of natural persons; |
| 9(2)(ba)(i) | to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; |
| 9(2)(b)(ii) | would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information |
| 9(2)(j) | enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). |



In regard to information withheld under section 9(2), I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602. Please contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response.

Yours sincerely

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