



3 November 2021

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Reference: OIA-2021/22-0425

Dear Mr T Baker

Official Information Act request relating to the Modelling Governance Group

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on 16 August 2021. You requested:

“... information related to the “Modelling Governance Group” established by the Ministry of Health;

- Members of the Modelling Governance Group*
- Modelling Governance Group Terms of Reference*
- Fee Structure and cost of incurred to date by Ministry by all activities associated with the Modelling Governance Group*
- Conflicts of interest declared by members of Modelling Governance Group*
- All minutes of meeting of Modelling Governance Group*
- All comments made to reports issued to Modelling Governance Group*
- All emails received or issued by the Ministry, by the Government, and by members of the Modelling Governance Group, associated with the Modelling Governance Group since group was appointed,”*

On 11 October 2021 after sending you our initial response, you clarified that you were not seeking information relating to the Strategic COVID-19 Public Health Advisory Group (SCPHAG) but instead the Modelling Governance Group referred to in paragraph 7a of the SCPHAG Terms of Reference.

I believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of the Treasury. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to the Treasury. I have extended the 10 working day time limit available to make this transfer, to 9 November 2021. This extension was required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on this transfer.

You have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

The Treasury 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