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Ref: PMO 2021-165

Dear Liz Simons

Official Information Act request relating to the timing of the Prime Minister's vaccination

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 28 July 2021. You requested:

“what category the Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern came under to be eligible for vaccination. what penalty, fine or punishment one would receive for providing false or misleading information to receive a Covid19 vaccination outside of their actual vaccination group.”

The Prime Minister, working with the Ministry of Health, elected to be vaccinated in order to show support for the vaccine programme and to encourage other New Zealanders to take up the opportunity to get vaccinated.

The sequencing framework assists District Health Boards (DHB) and the public on when certain groups of people will be eligible for vaccination. An important element of the framework is discretion for DHBs in their application of the framework. As the sequencing framework is not law there are no penalties, fines, or punishments associated with it.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna'.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff