

Reference: 20210363



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Dear Paul

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 2 August 2021. You requested:

*"I request any and all transcripts of the discussions of the Independent oversight committee - southern response, chaired by David Ayres. Including discussions held at the committee meeting on July 9th 2021. I request this as a AMI/SR policy holder who is entitled to a payout in the "cash out" proactive package."*

I extended the time limit for responding to your request by 20 working days in order to undertake consultation.

### Information Not Available

The Southern Response – Independent Oversight Committee does not take transcripts of its meetings. The record of their meetings are minutes. Rather than refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act:

*that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found:*

I have released the meeting minutes.

### Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1.	21/02/2021	Minutes of the Meeting of the Independent Oversight Committee (IOC), 5 February 2021	Release in part
2.	12/03/2021	Independent Oversight Committee – Meeting Minutes	Release in part
3.	16/04/2021	Independent Oversight Committee – Meeting Minutes	Release in part
4.	14/05/2021	Independent Oversight Committee – Meeting Minutes	Release in part
5.	11/06/2021	Independent Oversight Committee – Meeting Minutes	Release in part
6.	9/07/2021	Independent Oversight Committee – Meeting Minutes	Release in part

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The Minutes from the meeting of 16 April 2021 are incorrectly dated “12 March 2021”. I am however, confident that these are the correct minutes for that meeting. I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons,
- confidential information, under section 9(2)(ba)(i) – to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, 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,
- legally privileged information, under section 9(2)(h) – to maintain legal professional privilege,
- certain sensitive advice, under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.
- certain information, under section 9(2)(j) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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