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Tēnā koe Sebastian

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 17 January 2022 for:

- “1) COVID-19 Technical Advisory Group*
- 2) COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group*

*I would like to request copies of*

- 1) All meeting minutes*
- 2) All reports or advice they have produced and submitted to any minister*

*dated since the beginning of August 2021 for CTAG and since 2 November 2021 for CVTAG.”*

Please find attached all COVID-19 Technical Advisory Group and COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group meeting minutes and advice for the time periods requested. The documents are itemised in Appendix 1, Appendix 2 and Appendix 3. A decision on the release is outlined in each document.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases).

Nāku noa, nā



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## Appendix 1: List of documents: CV TAG Memos for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	4 August 2021	Memo: Priority groups for vaccination among 12–15-year-olds: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV TAG) recommendations on the use of the Pfizer vaccine	Released in full.
2	20 August 2021	Memo: The use of COVID-19 vaccines during an outbreak: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV TAG) recommendations for prioritisation of first doses nationwide	
3	27 August 2021	Memo: Coadministration of the COVID-19 vaccine with other vaccines, including the MMR and influenza vaccines: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV TAG) recommendations	
4	6 September 2021	Memo: Guidance for the potential use of an extension/third dose in the context of a missed vaccination incident	
5	6 September 2021	Memo: COVID-19 vaccine recognised for work at the Aotearoa New Zealand Border	
6	21 September 2021	Memo: Additional Pfizer mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine dose in the immunocompromised: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV TAG) recommendations	
7	29 September 2021	Memo: COVID-19 vaccines for arrivals to Aotearoa New Zealand: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV TAG) Recommendations	
8	1 October 2021	Memo: COVID-19 vaccines for arrivals to Aotearoa New Zealand: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV TAG) Recommendations	
9	27 October 2021	Memo: Decision to use the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV TAG) recommendations	
10	3 November 2021	Memo: Temporary Medical Exemptions for the COVID-19 Vaccine: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV TAG) recommendations	

**Appendix 2: List of documents: CVTAG Minutes**

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	3 August 2021	COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group Minutes	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(k) of the Act to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or advantage.
2	17 August 2021		
3	31 August 2021		
4	7 September 2021		
5	14 September 2021		
6	21 September 2021		
7	5 October 2021		
8	19 October 2021		
9	2 November 2021		

**Appendix 3: List of documents: CTAG Minutes**

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	20 August 2021	COVID-19 Technical Advisory Group Minutes	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(k) of the Act to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or advantage.
2	17 September 2021		
3	22 October 2021		