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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0263

Dear Harold

**Official Information Act request relating to COVID-19 vaccine certificates for domestic use**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 13 September 2021. You requested:

*"1) Copies of all briefings to Cabinet or any minister that deal with the topic of COVID-19 vaccine certificates for domestic use, dated since 9 April.*

***2) Copies of all other reports generated by DPMC that deal with the topic of COVID-19 vaccine certificates for domestic use, dated since 9 April."***

I refer to the letter dated 27 September 2021 from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) advising that part one of your request was transferred to the Minister for COVID-19 Response, Hon Chris Hipkins. You can expect a response from the Minister regarding the information within scope of this part of your request in late November 2021.

Regarding part two of your request, on 11 October 2021 the time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because it necessitated consultations to be undertaken before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

I advise that DPMC holds no information relating to COVID-19 vaccine certificates for domestic use, other than those that have been provided to Ministers. Therefore, I am refusing part two of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

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