



3 December 2021

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Dear Scott

Official Information Act request relating to the COVID-19 Group Community Panel

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 4 October 2021. You requested the following:

For every meeting of the Community Panel I would like to request copies of:

- 1. The agenda*
- 2. All pre-reading materials distributed to panellists*
- 3. The meeting minutes or other report summarising the meeting and the panellists' feedback*

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because it necessitated external 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 have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below, subject to information being withheld as noted. The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

1. Section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand;
2. Section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals;
3. section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials; and
4. section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

Item	Document Description/Subject
1.	Confidentiality and Conflict Agreement for Community Panel members
2.	Biographies of Community Panel members
3.	Community Panel Process Map
4.	Community Panel Work Programme
5.	Community Panel: Meeting Agenda – 3 August
6.	August Community Panel Meeting Minutes
7.	Pacific Vaccination Presentation
8.	Reconnecting New Zealanders update – August 2021
9.	Community Panel: Meeting Agenda – 1 September

10.	September Community Panel Meeting Minutes
11.	Community Panel September Meeting Noted for Ministry of Health
12.	COVID-19 Check-in: Rapid insights 31 August – 5 September 2021
13.	Psychosocial Impacts of COVID-19
14.	Ensuring an Inclusive COVID-19 Response
15.	Details on Different Countries' Approaches to Domestic COVID-19 Vaccine Passes – Brief Insights Report
16.	Community Panel: Meeting Agenda – 6 October
17.	October Community Panel Meeting Minutes

There is additional information covered by your request that I have decided to withhold in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

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

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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