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Ref: H202200510

Tēnā koe Harold

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 24 January 2022 for documents relating to COVID-19 Testing Technical Advisory Group and the COVID-19 Therapeutics Technical Advisory Group from November 2021. You requested:

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

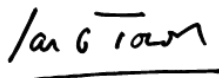
Six documents have been found within scope of your request. Information within scope of this request is itemised in Appendix 1 of this letter and copies of the documents are enclosed. The table in Appendix 1 also outlines the grounds under which I have decided to withhold information. Where information is withheld, this is noted in the document itself. I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

The Technical Advisory Group does not provide any reports direct to Ministers.

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 or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix 1: Documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	11 November 2021	Meeting Minutes: COVID-19 Testing Technical Advisory Group	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions that protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials and section 9(2)(k) of the Act to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.
2	25 November 2021		
3	14 January 2022	Meeting Minutes: COVID-19 Therapeutics Technical Advisory Group Te Ropu Haumanu Kowheori-19	
4	10 December 2021		
5	26 November 2021		
6	12 November 2021		