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Dear Matthew

Official Information Act request for Cabinet papers and other material regarding 8 November announcements

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 17 November 2021. You requested:

“ Yesterday afternoon, the Prime Minister made a number of announcements related to Covid-19 based on decisions at a Cabinet meeting earlier in the day.

Under the OIA, please provide me with copies of all Cabinet papers and other written material considered at that meeting relevant to the Covid announcements.”

I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act as information within scope of your request will soon be publicly available on the Unite Against COVID-19 website:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/proactive-releases/>

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CH', representing Chris Hipkins.

Chris Hipkins
Minister for COVID-19 Response