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Ref. CHOIA183

Dear Robin

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 2 December 2021 for:

“... all communications between you and/or your office and Medical Council of New Zealand from 1 August 2020 to 1 September 2021 concerning information or matters relating to COVID-19.”

Email correspondence within scope of your request is enclosed to this letter as Document 1. The table in Appendix 1 outlines the grounds under which the Minister has decided to withhold information. Where information is withheld, this is noted in the document itself.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Morehu Rei'.

Morehu Rei
Ministerial Advisor

Appendix One: List of documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	13/08/2021- 17/08/2021	Email correspondence.	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.