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Ref. CH0IA259

Dear Harold,

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the former Minister for COVID-19 Response, Hon Chris Hipkins. I am responding to you as the matters you raise now fall within my portfolio responsibilities. On 11 May 2022 you requested copies of the following documents:

- “1) (22-Sep) *Internal review of the June Sydney to Wellington Traveller Case 2021* (ref: 20211771)
- 2) (4-Nov) *Changes to implement shorter stay MIQ and self-isolation* (ref: 20212389)
- 3) (18-Nov) *Public health settings for medium-risk pathway* (ref: 20212528)”

The documents in scope of your request are itemised in Appendix 1 to this letter. Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, 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.

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 'Ayesha Verrall'.

Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Minister for COVID-19 Response

Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	24 September 2021	Briefing: Internal review of the June Sydney to Wellington Traveller Case 2021 – 20211771	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.
2	4 November 2021	Briefing: Changes to implement shorter stay MIQ and self-isolation - 20212389	
3	18 November 2021	Briefing: Public Health settings for medium-risk pathway- 20212528	Released in full.