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Dear Scott

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 2 June 2022. I apologise for the delay in responding. You requested:

"I would like to make a request for a list of all aides-mémoire, memoranda, briefings, and reports received by the minister in her capacity as Associate Minister of Health, dated since the beginning of December 2021. I would like this list to include the report title, date of receipt and agency of origin."

Please find enclosed a list of titles of briefings, reports, aides mémoire and memos that I have received as Associate Minister of Health between 1 December 2021 and 31 May 2022. These have come from either the Ministry of Health or interim Health New Zealand.

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
Associate Minister of Health

Appendix One

2021

1-Dec-21	Update on gender affirming surgery
1-Dec-21	The Role of Laboratory Science in the Future of Public Health - draft future
2-Dec-21	Title Withheld
3-Dec-21	Making better use of COVID Technologies
3-Dec-21	Progress update: Phase 1 of Well Child Tamariki Ora redesign
3-Dec-21	Title withheld
6-Dec-21	Meeting between the Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall, Associate Minister of Health and Prof Sarfati, Chief Executive of Te Aho o Te Kahu, Cancer Control Agency
6-Dec-21	Te Hiringa Hauora - 2021/22 Quarter One Performance Report
6-Dec-21	Proactive release of Cabinet paper: Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan
6-Dec-21	Progress Update on Implementation of the Second Phase (2019 – 22) of the Healthy Ageing Strategy
7-Dec-21	Aged Residential Care Facilities: Infection Prevention and Control and Rapid Antigen Testing
7-Dec-21	Progress update on the recommendations of the Rapid Review of COVID-19 Testing in Aotearoa New Zealand
9-Dec-21	Meeting with Abortion Providers Group Aotearoa New Zealand
13-Dec-21	Evidence for breast screening in women aged 70 to 74 years
15-Dec-21	Title Withheld
15-Dec-21	Update on the refugee health review
21-Dec-21	COVID-19 – The Use of Unsupervised Rapid Antigen Tests
21-Dec-21	Updating the Ministry's position on funding of testing for COVID-19

2022

11-Jan-22	Memo: Interim Testing Tracing Isolation and Quarantine Public Health Model for Omicron
13-Jan-22	Briefing: Indian Women's Cricket Team exemption from requirements of the Isolation and Quarantine Order
14-Jan-22	Briefing: Air border arrangements briefings package (13 January 2022): Revocation of ministerial exemptions from pre-departure testing requirements
14-Jan-22	Briefing: Air border arrangements briefings package: COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border and Isolation and Quarantine) Amendment Order 2022 for signing
21-Jan-22	Memo: Testing plan for an Omicron outbreak
26-Jan-22	Memo: Response to information request on testing and supply
1-Feb-22	Aide Memoire: Meeting with New Zealand Aged Care Association, 4 February 2022

2-Feb-22	Briefing: Quarterly reporting on priority initiatives for women's health (Quarter 2, 2021/22)
3-Feb-22	Memo: Progress Update: Phase 1 of Well Child Tamariki Ora redesign
7-Feb-22	Briefing: Aged Residential Care Testing Plan
8-Feb-22	Aide Memoire: Meeting between Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall and the NZ AIDS Foundation
8-Feb-22	Briefing: Updated Terms of Reference for the new Public Health Advisory Committee
11-Feb-22	Memo: COVID-19 – 70+ population experience of Omicron in Singapore and Australia
14-Feb-22	Briefing: Meeting between the Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall, Associate Minister of Health and Prof Sarfati, Chief Executive of Te Aho o Te Kahu, Cancer Control Agency
17-Feb-22	Aide Memoire: Meeting with the New Zealand College of Midwives
18-Feb-22	Briefing: Speech notes for the Internal Medicine Society of Australia and NZ conference
18-Feb-22	Aide Memoire: Meeting with Professor Bev Lawton on the topic of Women's Health
22-Feb-22	Aide Memoire: Meeting with Te Hiringa Hauora - 24 February 2022
22-Feb-22	Briefing: Publishing the second Interim COVID-19 Disease Indicators Report (18 October 2021 - 16 January 2022)
24-Feb-22	Aide Memoire: Meeting with Chloe Swarbrick on Eating Disorders
2-Mar-22	Briefing: Publication of the Annual Report on Drinking water Quality 2020-2021
4-Mar-22	Aide Memoire: Meeting with Minister of Local Government about drinking water standards
4-Mar-22	Aide Memoire: Community Collection Sites Nationwide: Update on Additional Testing Collection Sites and Initial Lessons Identified
7-Mar-22	Briefing: Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill: additional amendments
8-Mar-22	Aide Memoire: Meeting with Plunket, Family Planning and New Zealand College of Midwives
8-Mar-22	Aide Memoire: Minister Verrall to Visit Turuki Health Care Testing Centre
10-Mar-22	Briefing: Revised Terms of Reference for the Public Health Advisory Committee
11-Mar-22	Memo: Update on Nuanced Distribution Methods for Rapid Antigen Testing Access Points
13-Mar-22	Aide Memoire: Options for Increasing Public Access to Rapid Antigen Testing
15-Mar-22	Briefing: National Cervical Screening Programme and Breast Screen Aotearoa Project Reporting and Quality Assurance
15-Mar-22	Memo: Quarterly reporting on implementation of the National Hepatitis C Action Plan (Quarter 2: October – December 2021)
18-Mar-22	Briefing: Maternity Workforce: Discussion and opportunities for strengthening the workforce
18-Mar-22	Briefing: COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Amendment Order (No 2) 2022 for signing

24-Mar-22	Joint Aide Memoire with Ministry of Primary Industries - Meeting with Natural Health Products NZ 29 March 4:30pm
29-Mar-22	Briefing: Addressing the breast and cervical screening backlogs
29-Mar-22	Briefing: Suspension of funded supervised testing by community pharmacies
30-Mar-22	Briefing: Letter to Dementia Sector Leaders regarding the Dementia Action Plan and a national dementia leadership group
1-Apr-22	Briefing: Transitioning the COVID-19 response functions to the new system structure in 2022
1-Apr-22	Briefing: COVID-19 Health System Response: Oxygen Supply and Environmental Issues
1-Apr-22	Briefing: Roll out of Pfizer COVID-19 booster doses for rangatahi aged 16 and 17 years
4-Apr-22	Briefing: Options for funded supervised testing by community pharmacies beyond 4 April 2022
5-Apr-22	Aide-Memoire: Meeting with Rural Womens New Zealand
6-Apr-22	Briefing: Lifting importation and use restrictions on unapproved COVID-19 vaccines
7-Apr-22	Briefing: Initial Advice on the development of a Women's Health Strategy
8-Apr-22	Briefing: Update on disability COVID-19 outbreak response
8-Apr-22	Aide-Memoire: Meeting with Action for Smokefree 2025 (ASH)
8-Apr-22	Briefing: Concluding New Zealand's purchase agreement with AstraZeneca
11-Apr-22	Briefing: Infection Prevention and Control auditing of border environments
11-Apr-22	Noting Memo: Release of Bowel Cancer Quality Improvement Monitoring Report Update
12-Apr-22	Briefing: Contact Tracing: Lessons Learnt and Future Model
14-Apr-22	Briefing: Options for improving respiratory protection against aerosolised viral particles for vulnerable and priority populations
14-Apr-22	Cancer Control Agency Briefing: Release of cancer medicines availability analysis report
14-Apr-22	Briefing: The feasibility of an exemption under the Medicines Act to reduce regulatory barriers for export-only dietary supplements
27-Apr-22	Briefing: Update on COVID-19 Testing Plan (Omicron post peak)
12-Apr-22	Aide-Memoire: Potential dates for Public Health transformation comms
12-Apr-22	Briefing: Enhancing School Based Health Services - Work Programme
21-Apr-22	Aide-Memoire: Visit to MidCentral Public Health Service on 26 April 2022
22-Apr-22	Briefing: 2022/23 Levy for alcohol-related purposes Cabinet paperwork
22-Apr-22	Memorandum: Monthly reporting on early years work programme priorities

22-Apr-22	Briefing: Updated HIV Action Plan Cabinet Paper
27-Apr-22	Aide-Memoire: New Zealand Women in Medicine Conference 2022
28-Apr-22	Memo: Pan respiratory virus surveillance planning for the winter season
28-Apr-22	Briefing: Strategic planning for potential new variants of concern: Scenarios, planned responses and next steps
28-Apr-22	Briefing: Launch of Smokefree May at Manurewa Marae
2-May-22	Memo: Health National Adaption Plan
4-May-22	Memo: Gender affirming surgery update and next steps to improve sustainability
5-May-22	Briefing: Quarterly reporting on priority initiatives for women's health (Quarter 3, 2021/22)
5-May-22	Memo: Quarterly reporting on implementation of the National Hepatitis C Action Plan (Quarter 3: January–March 2022)
5-May-22	Memo: Progress Update: Phase 1 of Well Child Tamariki Ora redesign
5-May-22	Memo: COVID-19 mortality in aged residential care facilities
6-May-22	Memo: Aotearoa New Zealand's COVID-19 Variants of Concern plan: Initial version
6-May-22	Briefing: Whole genome sequencing and border surveillance
9-May-22	Briefing: Recovery action plans to achieve pre-COVID-19 breast and cervical screening coverage
11-May-22	Aide Memoire: Minister Verrall to meet with Terry Taylor, President, New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Scientists
11-May-22	Joint Briefing with MPI & MOH - Response to Australia's National Obesity Strategy 2022-2032
12-May-22	Memo: HIV prevention: Pre-exposure Prophylaxis eligibility, access and uptake
16-May-22	Memo: Communicating Environmental Health Risks
19-May-22	Aide Memoire: Meeting with Growing Up in NZ
19-May-22	Briefing: Smokefree Environments and Regulated Environments (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Bill: approval for introduction
20-May-22	Memo: Variants of Concern Planning – Preparedness Rationale
20-May-22	Aide Memoire: Dementia Auckland visit
26-May-22	Briefing: Proactive release of Cabinet paper Endorsement of Improving Dementia Mate Wareware Services in Aotearoa New Zealand Action Plan and associated Cabinet minutes
27-May-22	Briefing: Response to the Allen + Clarke PCR Testing Backlog Rapid Review
27-May-22	Aide Memoire: Meeting with ASPIRE
27-May-22	Aide Memoire: Hui with Breast Cancer Foundation
30-May-22	Memo: Communicating Environmental Health Risks