



31 October 2022

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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0172

Dear J Bruning

**Official Information Act request for advice and documents from strategy and management consultancy firms**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 22 September 2022. You requested:

*“(1) Please supply all advice, reports and memos including risk updates from strategy and management consultancy firms including but not limited to: PWC/Deloitte/Boston Consulting Group/McKinsey -Supplied to the DPMC from November 2019 to April 1 2022 relating to COVID-19 pandemic.*

*This includes, but is not limited to, information and advice in the form of reports, memos and appendices from contracted and non-contracted firms.*

*This includes but is not limited to:*

- Risk strategy relating to virus, population management.*
- Unite Against COVID-19 campaign development and deployment.*
- Data and research recommendations*
- Vaccine strategy*
- Passport and Unite against COVID-19 campaign*
- Behavioural data insights to ensure campaign goals were achieved*

*(2) Please identify and provide details of costs paid to - including but not limited to: PWC/Deloitte/Boston Consulting Group/McKinsey - from November 2019 to April 1 2022 relating to COVID-19 pandemic for COVID-19 and related services.”*

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because consultations were needed before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

**Question 1**

Advice which has been received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) from strategy and management consultancy firms has previously been released under the Act on DPMC’s website as outlined in the table overleaf:

Item	Date	Document Title	Website Address
1.	12 October 2020	<i>Response to Official Information Act Request OIA-2020/21-0083: Request relating to COVID-19 – PPE, ventilator and testing stockpiles</i>	<a href="https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2021-04/dpmc-roiar-oia-2020-21-0083-covid-19--ppe-ventilator-tests.pdf">https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2021-04/dpmc-roiar-oia-2020-21-0083-covid-19--ppe-ventilator-tests.pdf</a>

2.	23 April 2021	<i>Response to Official Information Act Request OIA-2020/21-0118: Request about involvement of Rob Fyfe in COVID-19 business recovery</i>	<a href="https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/response-official-information-act-request-oia-202021-0118-request-about-involvement-rob">https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/response-official-information-act-request-oia-202021-0118-request-about-involvement-rob</a>
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DPMC also routinely publishes information around research received as part of its reporting to Parliament's Governance and Administration Committee as outlined below:

Date	Website Address
1 July 2019 to June 2020	<a href="https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_104457_GA370/8520500f20fa3a9bf2d689a0c6789e530387363e">https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_104457_GA370/8520500f20fa3a9bf2d689a0c6789e530387363e</a>
1 June 2020 to 30 June 2021	<a href="https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_116496_GA20956/c9f1b748eb0455204ffce5c31d948dbe6eeab76">https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_116496_GA20956/c9f1b748eb0455204ffce5c31d948dbe6eeab76</a>
1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022	<a href="https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_123911_GA21397/4f0fdd91845eed84f3a2faad3029c700ed05188">https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_123911_GA21397/4f0fdd91845eed84f3a2faad3029c700ed05188</a>

## Question 2

All costs relating to contractors and consultants can be found online as part of DPMC's reporting to Parliament's Governance and Administration Committee as follows:

Date	Website Address
1 July 2019 to June 2020	<b>Appendix 4:</b> <a href="https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_104457_GA372/d08556580907a224da852bd5dade970f6f9356a8">https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_104457_GA372/d08556580907a224da852bd5dade970f6f9356a8</a>
1 June 2020 to 30 June 2021	<b>Appendix 6:</b> <a href="https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_116496_GA20955/51290689bb65a988b8c21f8dc7901696dae9f0c1">https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_116496_GA20955/51290689bb65a988b8c21f8dc7901696dae9f0c1</a>
1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022	<b>Appendix 5:</b> <a href="https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_123911_GA21396/47739c68c7091e814be48408b03b436d2b647a62">https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_123911_GA21396/47739c68c7091e814be48408b03b436d2b647a62</a>

Your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the Act, that the information requested is publicly available.

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

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katrina Casey', written in a cursive style.

Katrina Casey  
**Executive Director**  
**DCE Covid-19 Group**