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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0193

Dear Sebastian

Official Information Act request for various documents relating to the COVID-19 response

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 3 October 2022. You requested:

- 1. "Supporting Social Cohesion in the COVID-19 Response" referred to in paragraph 10 of the 8 March 2022 meeting of the COVID-19 Chief Executives Board (p.27):
- 2. "Covid-19 System Transition Plan" referred to on p.57 above (28 June meeting of CCB)
- 3. The current COVID-19 System Assurance Framework
- 4. The COVID-19 Transition Success and Risk Framework
- 5. The current COVID-19 Chief Executives Board Terms of Reference
- 6. The "paper on the future role of the CCB" scheduled to be submitted to CCB on 28 June (action log #97, referred to on p.54 above)
- 7. The COVID-19 Post-Winter Strategy
- 8. The paper titled "Assurance: Declaration of Readiness for the Catalogue of Measures" scheduled to be submitted to CCB on 26 July (action item #99, referred to on p.58 above)

Information being released

I have decided to release the documents listed below, subject to information being withheld under the following sections of the Act, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals; and
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.

Item	Date	Document Description/Subject	Decision
1.	8 March 2022	COVID-19 - Importance of Social Cohesion for the	Release in full
		Response	
2.	26 July 2022	DPMC COVID-19 Group Transition: Update	Release in full
3 &	28 June 2022	COVID-19 Transition – Success and Risk Framework	Release in full
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5.	28 June 2022	COVID-19 Chief Executives Board Terms of	Release in full
		Reference	
6.	28 June 2022	Future CCB: Amendment to Draft Terms of Reference Release in full	
8.	26 July 2022	Draft paper for Minister for COVID-19 Response: Release in part	
		Assurance on System readiness to respond to a	
		variant of concern	

In regard to item 3 of your request, note that the current System Assurance Framework is the Success and Risk Framework, which is included in this release as item 4.

Please note the final version of item 8 *Assurance on System readiness to respond to a variant of concern* has been included in a forthcoming proactive release and will be publicly available on the DPMC website soon.

Information publicly available

The following information is also covered by your request and will soon be publicly available on the DPMC website. Accordingly, I have refused this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act.

ltem	Date	Document Title	Website Address
7.	28 June 2022	Cabinet Paper: COVID-19 Strategy for	https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications
		Post-Winter	

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

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

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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