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Tēnā koe

### Official Information Act 1982 Request

Thank you for your request of 22 March 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*“May I request full meeting minutes of the National Reference Group from 1st Jan 2021 to 1st Mar 2023.”*

### Response

In response to your request, please find attached the minutes for the following meetings:

- 3 September 2021
- 3 December 2021
- 7 March 2022
- 22 June 2022
- 2 September 2022
- 6 December 2022

Some information has been withheld from these minutes under the following sections of the OIA:

- section 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of individuals;
- section 9(2)(g)(i) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion;
- section 9(2)(g)(ii) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

I am unable to provide you with the minutes of the first meeting of the newly formed National Reference Group on 15 July 2021. This is because the information requested does not exist. Minutes

were not taken at this meeting because it was an induction meeting. I have attached the agenda for this meeting for your information. This decision is made under section 18(e) of the OIA.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted through their website at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Ngā mihi

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