

Reference: 20230204



25 May 2023

Liz Blue
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Dear Liz

I refer to your request made under the Official Information Act, received on 27 April 2023. You requested:

1. *Any documents provided by the Treasury to the Covid-19 Royal Commission of Inquiry.*
2. *Any correspondence between staff employed by the Treasury, and Tony Blakely, Hon Hekia Parata or John Whitehead.*
3. *Any correspondence between staff employed by the Treasury, and staff employed by the Covid-19 Royal Commission of Inquiry.*

On 16 May 2023, I responded to your request and provided a summary of the administrative correspondence between The Treasury and the Royal Commission of Inquiry captured by parts 2 and 3 of your request. On the same day, you requested copies of this correspondence.

I have decided under section 15A of the Official Information Act to extend the time limit for deciding on your request by an additional 15 working days. The new due date for responding to your request is Friday 16 June 2023.

The extension is required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on your request. This extension will also apply to the time limit for transferring your request, should this become relevant.

Notwithstanding this extension, I will decide on your request as soon as reasonably practicable.

You may ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Beaglehole'.

John Beaglehole
Director, COVID 19 Royal Commission