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Tēnā koe Erika

## Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00200976

Thank you for your email on 17 February 2026, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*I have received some meeting minutes but not all. This request for information is for several meeting minutes, not the content of a register which was supplied when not requested.*

*Your response says " 43 Panel meetings were held".*

*When you say "Please note that no meetings were held on 16 November 2021 or 6 December 2021" , these dates are in actual fact, in the content of register in the column "Panel assessment date" .*

*The dates in that register for panel assessment dates for which minutes have not been shared are 1. November 2021 on 16,17,18,22, 24 and 29th.*

*2. December 2021 on 1,3,6,10,14 and 20th 3. 3. January 2022 on 11 and 18th.*

*4. February 2022 on 15 22 and 23th*

*5. March 2022 on 1st.*

*One would assume that each panel assessment would have meeting minutes of that panel. The dates in my original request for information are based on the dates that are in that column.*

*Under the Act, I request the other meeting minutes for dates in my previous update. If the minutes do not exist, kindly say so. You said "The non-confidential content from this register was released to you as Appendix One with HNZ00035461".*

*If the minutes are confidential content, kindly respond to this request for information under the act.*

## Response

The only formal documented minutes available from the meetings of the Significant Service Disruption (SSD) Panel (the Panel) are from meetings on 13 November 2021, 14 November 2021, and 15 November 2021. These were provided to you in your previous OIA request on 13 May 2024 (ref. HNZ00035461).

For all meetings after 15 November 2021, the Panel reviewed all applications and feedback was recorded on a register, rather than in formal meeting minutes. The non-personal information from that register was also provided to you in that same response (ref. HNZ00035461). Since there are no formal meeting minutes available for meetings between 17 November 2021 and 23 August 2022, as you requested, the register was provided to you.

Please note that there is no record of the Panel meeting on 16 November 2020 or 6 December 2021, while there are applications listed as assessed on those dates. It is likely that those applications were initially scheduled for assessment at that date but were then reviewed at later meetings after more applications were received.

### **How to get in touch**

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz](mailto:h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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