

# Hon Simeon Brown

Minister of Health  
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Mr. Richards

By email: fyi-request-34407-83123d3b@requests.fyi.org.nz  
Ref: SBOIA26-1088

Dear Mr. Richards

## Response to your request for information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 17 April 2026 to the Minister of Health, Hon Simeon Brown. You requested:

*“5- Any cost-effectiveness, health-economic, or resource-allocation assessments for continuing to recommend and publicly fund primary COVID-19 vaccination (one- or two-dose courses) for previously unvaccinated individuals when routine additional-dose recommendations have been narrowed for the same low-risk groups.”*

On 17 April 2026 the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) identified the briefing *H2026078858 - Update on Budget 2024 funding allocations for COVID-19 and Pandemic Preparedness* in scope of a request you had submitted (H2026081071 refers). As the release of this document is more closely aligned with the functions of this office, the Ministry partially transferred your request under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

The briefing is due to be proactively released on the Ministry of Health website at: [www.health.govt.nz/information-releases](http://www.health.govt.nz/information-releases). Therefore, section 18(d) of the Act applies to your request. Please note that some information may be withheld under section 9 of the Act. I have considered the countervailing public interest in releasing information and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reef Stewart'.

Reef Stewart  
**Senior Ministerial Advisor**