

Andrew Geddis

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Ref: H202004524

Dear Andrew Geddis

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 21 June 2020 for:

"A press release dated 16 June 2020 stated:

"Health Minister Dr David Clark says he has required the Director General of Health to suspend compassionate exemptions from managed isolation, in order to ensure the system is working as intended."

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I request all advice received on, and communications relating to, this decision. My request includes any advice or communications that took place following the decision (up until the date of this request)."

Three documents have been identified within scope of your request. These documents are outlined in Appendix One with copies enclosed. The table in Appendix One also lists the specific grounds under which information has been withheld.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website

Yours sincerely



Natalie Richardson
Director
COVID-19 Response

Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	16 June 2020 – 17 June 2020	Email correspondence between Ministry staff and other government officials	Released in full with information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of members of organisations, officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment. Information deemed out of scope, has been excluded.
2	17 June 2020	Draft: Letter to frontline COVID-19 staff	Released in full
3	17 June 2020	Managed Isolation and exemptions team	Released in full