



18 September 2020

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Reference: OIA-2019/20-0603

Dear George

Official Information Act request relating to Rob Fyfe involvement in COVID business recovery since 1 January 2020

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 26 June 2020. You requested:

"...all reports/briefings/communications/notes held by DPMC regarding Mr Rob Fyfe's suggestions and involvement in the Covid business recovery, advocacy prior to the lockdown or any other matters since 1 January 2020."

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because it necessitated consultations to be undertaken before a decision could be made on the request. I apologise for the further delays in the processing of your request. As noted, this delay was due to the officials with responsibility for the information being currently involved in New Zealand's ongoing response to COVID-19.

Please find attached information that has been identified as relevant to your request. Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 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.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

For your information, we do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

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