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Dear F Greig,

**Your Official Information Act request OIA2021-0121, transferred from the Ministry of Health on 26 August 2020**

Thank you for your request to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) under the Official Information Act Official Information Act, 1982 (the Act) for the following information:

*"I am seeking information about the current technical specifications of the "CovidCard" device. Specifically the battery capacity (in mAh), model numbers of any Bluetooth chips, microcontrollers, and SOCs (system-on-chip), and the maximum distance between a pair of CovidCard devices that will be recognised as a "contact event"."*

We understand that this information will be proactively released soon. We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis that the information will soon be publicly available. We will write to you again to let you know where you can access the information, once it is published.

If you have any feedback or questions about the Department's response, please let us know at [OIA@DIA.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@DIA.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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