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Kia ora George

Your Official Information Act request OIA2021-0189, dated 11 September 2020

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request, which was transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department).

You have requested:

- *Please also provide me with any information held (reports, briefings, aide memoire) held by the ministry in relation to any Covid-related proposals or ideas promoted by Mr Morgan or his associates.*

We have interpreted your request as reports, briefings and aide memoires prepared by the Department in relation to the Bluetooth-enabled contact tracing, that have not already been proactively released.

The Department has identified the documents in **Appendix A** as those that fall within the scope of your request.

Please note that some information in the documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 6(a) – to maintain the security or defence of New Zealand
- 6(b)(i) – to maintain confidence of information provided by the Government or agency of another country
- 9(2)(a) – protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(f)(ii) – maintain collective and individual Ministerial responsibility
- 9(2)(f)(iv) – protect, for the time being, the confidentiality of advice tendered by officials
- 9(2)(g)(i) – free and frank expression of opinions
- 9(2)(j) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out negotiations
- 9(2)(k) – to prevent the disclosure or use of the information for improper gain or advantage

In addition, you may be aware that the Government and the Department have released advice, Cabinet papers and independent reports related to the Bluetooth-enabled contact tracing card. These are available at:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/legislation-and-key-documents/proactive-release/health-response/> and [https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Proactive-releases/\\$file/Proactive-Release-Independent-CovidCard-Reports-FINAL.pdf](https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Proactive-releases/$file/Proactive-Release-Independent-CovidCard-Reports-FINAL.pdf).

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding information are outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

If you have any feedback or questions about the Department's response, please let us know at 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 or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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Appendix A: Information to be released

Document Name	Date	Redactions
190420 - Cover briefing - Ministry of Health Cabinet paper COVID-19 Contact Tracing Action Plan and report back on the implementation of technology options	19-Apr-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(j)
Briefing - Covid Budget proposals	21-Apr-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv)
Excerpts from 24042020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure DAILY REPORT - COVID 19 - FINAL	24-Apr-20	
300420 - GDS202000126 Update on Covid Card programme	30-Apr-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv)
010520 - Excerpts from GDS Status report WE 1 May 2020	1-May-20	
Covid-19 bluetooth card contact tracing initial analysis	4-May-20	Redactions under 6(a) and 9(2)(k)
Excerpts from 04052020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure DAILY REPORT - COVID 19 - FINAL	4-May-20	
Excerpts from 08052020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure DAILY REPORT - COVID 19 - FINAL	8-May-20	
Internal Affairs briefing Covid-19 Contact tracing Tech Solutions	8-May-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 6(a), 9(2)(g)(i)
090520 - GDS202000134 - Information Briefing – Ministry of Health Cabinet Paper on Covid-19 technology solutions	9-May-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i)
090520 - Technology Solutions for Addressing COVID-19_Cab Paper - propose withhold decisions yet to be made, 92FIV	9-May-20	Withheld in full under 9(2)(f)(iv)
090520 - Technology Solutions for Addressing COVID-19_Cab Paper - propose withhold decisions yet to be made, 92FIV	9-May-20	Withheld in full under 9(2)(f)(iv)
Excerpts from 11052020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure DAILY REPORT - COVID 19 FINAL	11-May-20	

Excerpts from 13052020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure DAILY REPORT - COVID 19 - FINAL	13-May-20	
140520 - Briefing Cabinet paper - report back on COVID-19 Technology Response Oversight Requirements	14-May-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a)
140520 - Draft Cabinet paper COVID19 Technology response oversight - propose withhold decisions yet to be made, 92FIV	14-May-20	Withheld in full under 9(2)(f)(iv)
150520 - Excerpts from GDS Status report WE 15 May 2020	15-May-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a)
Excerpts from 15052020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure DAILY REPORT - COVID 19 - FINAL	15-May-20	
Excerpts from 18052020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure DAILY REPORT FINAL - COVID 19	18-May-20	
Excerpts from 20052020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure DAILY REPORT FINAL - COVID 19	20-May-20	
DGCDO Meeting brief	22-May-20	Redactions under 6(b)(i), 9(2)(g)(i)
Excerpts from 22052020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure DAILY REPORT - COVID 19 - FINAL	22-May-20	
Excerpts from 04062020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure WEEKLY YREPORT - COVID 19 - FINAL	4-Jun-20	
Cabinet paper cover briefing The potential for Bluetooth solutions to improve contact tracing in New Zealand	11-Jun-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a)
Excerpts from 11062020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure WEEKLY REPORT - COVID 19 -FINAL	11-Jun-20	
Excerpts from 18062020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure WEEKLY REPORT - COVID 19 - FINAL	18-Jun-20	
Global Digital Ministers Meeting - COVID-19 Contact Tracing Approaches – 17 June 2020	18-Jun-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a)

Meeting with the Australian Minister for Government Services - COVID-19 Contact Tracing Approaches	24-Jun-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(i)
Excerpts from 25062020-WORKSTREAM Digital Infrastructure WEEKLY REPORT - COVID 19 - FINAL	25-Jun-20	
Government Digital Services briefing - cover briefing for content about CovidCard	30-Jun-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(j)
A3 - Using a Bluetooth-enabled CovidCard to support contact tracing	Jul-20	
2021-0159 Briefing - CovidCard implementation design options - FINAL	15-Jul-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 6(b)(i), 9(2)(f)(ii)
GDS202000205 - CovidCard proof of concept work update and trial options	15-Jul-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(i), 6(a), 9(2)(j)
Draft Cabinet paper Cover briefing Using the CovidCard to enhance contact tracing	24-Jul-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv)
Using the CovidCard to improve contact tracing – information to support you at the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee meeting	28-Jul-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(j)
Undertaking the next phase of work on the CovidCard	4-Aug-20	Redactions under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv)