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Ref: H202008214

Dear Shay

### Decision to your request for official information

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received on 13 November 2020 for information relating to communications on the provision of helicopter air ambulance services.

You specifically requested:

*"Please provide all communications (Including but not limited to: emails, letters, memos, reports, papers and text messages) between the following senior individuals in the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) regarding the provision of helicopter air ambulance services.*

*ADHB*

*1. Ailsa Claire*

*MoH*

*1. Ashley Bloomfield*

*2. Keriana Brooking*

*Note:*

*1. Applicable dates are 1/7/2019 to 13/11/2020*

*2. Emails include those sent, received or cc'd and include any attachments".*

The Ministry have identified documents within the scope of your request. This includes information requested within the dates between 1 July 2019 and 13 November 2020 and individuals named in your request. This information is currently being administratively processed and will be provided to you in due course.

In our response we have only included the emails between the named respondents. Some emails between named respondents refer to earlier emails in an email trail. Those emails in the email trail that were not between the named respondents have been excluded from the email documents. Information that is referenced in the email collation but is not attached in the email correspondence has been excluded from the release of information.

Please note the material for release is a selection of material on the issue of northern region air ambulance service provision only and does not representative of all information relating to this subject.

The Ministry is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Yours sincerely



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	Date & Document Name	Type of Correspondence	Decision on release
8	1 July 2019 and 13 November 2020  <i>H202008214 Compiled Email Correspondence</i>	Emails	Released documents with some redactions. Some information has been withheld pursuant to the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons</li> <li>• Section 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is subject of the information.</li> </ul> Please note some emails have been deemed 'out of scope' and removed accordingly.

