



25 August 2021

John Jacobson

By email: fyi-request-15162-1322f185@requests.fyi.org.nz

Reference: OIA-2020/21-0726

Dear John Jacobson

Official Information Act request relating to smartphone app certification of COVID-19 Vaccine

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request which was partially transferred from the Ministry of Health to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 30 June 2021. You requested:

“(e) the project plan (or other documentation giving an overview of the work) of any work to develop a smartphone app to record and display someone's proof or certification of their Covid-19 vaccination status.”

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. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

Information being released

I have decided to release a copy of *Brief Insights Report – International COVID-19 Vaccine Certificates*, subject to information being withheld as noted. The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

1. Section 6(a), to protect the international relations of New Zealand; and
2. section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank exchange of opinions.

Please note this document is an insights report, which collates information from a range of sources (from both the public and private sectors) to help give insight into the work that is being carried out on a given topic.

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.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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