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John Jacobson

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

Ref: OIA-2020/21-0726

Dear John Jacobson

**Follow-up to your Official Information Act request for information relating to
smartphone application for verification of COVID-19 vaccination status**

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request that was partially transferred from the Ministry of Health to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 30 June 2021. The part of your request transferred to DPMC was:

“(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.”

You asked the Ombudsman to investigate information that was withheld when DPMC responded to you on 25 August 2021. On 14 April 2022 we wrote to you again releasing some additional information previously withheld in the report dated 9 April 2021 *Brief Insights Report – International COVID-19 Vaccine Certificates*. In the light of the Ombudsman’s opinion on the withholding of the remaining information from this report and, given the passage of time and the different stage of the pandemic both here and overseas, DPMC is now releasing to you the full report. Please find **attached** a copy of *Brief Insights Report – International COVID-19 Vaccine Certificates*, without any information withheld.

This response will be published on DPMC’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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Enc: Unredacted copy of “*Brief Insights Report – International COVID-19 Vaccine Certificates*”.
Cc: Office of the Ombudsman (Complaint 561653)