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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0112

Dear Scott

**Official Information Act request relating to Advisory Group meeting minutes**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 13 August 2021. You requested:

- “1) Copies of all meeting minutes for the two advisory groups, dated 16 June to 13 August.*
- 2) Copies of the work programmes of the two advisory groups”*

On 10 September 2021, the time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because consultations were necessary before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

The COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group’s minutes, along with its work programme, are currently being processed for release, and will be published on the Unite Against COVID-19 webpage ([covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/independent-advisory-groups/cicriag/](https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/independent-advisory-groups/cicriag/)) in the coming weeks.

In relation to advice from the Strategic COVID-19 Public Health Advisory Group, I note this group does not keep minutes. However, its work programme is set through questions from Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall. Advice in response to these questions can be found at the following webpage: [covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/independent-advisory-groups/scphag/](https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/independent-advisory-groups/scphag/)

Where information is or will soon be publicly available, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act, which relates to the refusal of requests where information is, or will soon be, publicly available.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Fairhall', written in a cursive style.

Ruth Fairhall  
**Head of Strategy & Policy, COVID-19 Group**