

13 December 2021

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Dear Scott

Official Information Act request relating to Advisory Group meeting minutes

Thank you for your follow up email of 22 November 2021 to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for copies of CICRIAG and SCPHAG meeting minutes and work programmes. You asked:

"I'm emailing to follow up on your 8 October response to my request of 13 August for copies of CICRIAG and SCPHAG meeting minutes and work programmes.

On the point of the former, you told me that my request was refused on the grounds that the information would "soon be publically available" on a certain page on the Unite Against Covid website. You told me that CICRIAG's work programme as well as the relevent minutes would be published there "in the coming weeks."

More than 6 weeks later, no work programme or minutes have been published on the page you linked to. Are you able to provide me with a release date at this point? If I don't hear back from you I will refer this to the Ombudsman on the grounds that your agency has misused the section 18(d) grounds for refusal."

You can now find this information on the Unite Against COVID-19 website: https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/independent-advisory-groups/

We apologise for the unanticipated delay in the publication of the information.

Yours sincerely

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