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Ref: H202106041

Dear Ben Moore

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 17 May 2021 for:

"(since 1 March) discussion, plans or other information, related to the possibility of waiving MIQ requirements for vaccinated individuals now or in the future"

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) has conducted a search for any information relevant to your request; however, no documentation relating to vaccines impacting Manage Isolation Quarantine (MIQ) requirements could be identified. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

At this time, there is not enough evidence about the efficacy of vaccinations on preventing the transmission of COVID-19 to other vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals to consider altering the isolation requirements for vaccinated people coming into the country.

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 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.

Yours sincerely

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