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Dear Sebastian

**Ref: DOIA 2021-2363**

I refer to your request of 25 May 2021 for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*This is a request for three sets of documents relating to the COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy Taskforce and its Science and Technical Advisory Group.*

*I request, dated from December 2020 to February 2021:*

- 1) Copies of all COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy Updates*
- 2) Copies of the minutes of all COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy Taskforce meetings*
- 3) Copies of the minutes of all Science and Technical Advisory Group meetings*

I attach the material that comes within the scope of the request. Some information in the documents has been withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(b)(ii): information provided in confidence from an international organisation;
- 9(2)(a): to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;
- 9(2)(ba)(i): to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; and
- 9(2)(ba)(ii): to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.



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Section 6(a) of the OIA concerns conclusive reasons for withholding information. In regard to information withheld under section 9(2), I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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