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Tēnā koe Scott

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 24 June 2021 for information relating to the border restrictions and Air New Zealand crew members from 30 June 2021.

After referencing media stories and twitter posts about changes in border restrictions, you specifically requested:

*"...copies of all documents prepared by the Ministry of Health, including advice from advisory groups, relating to the decision to relax border restrictions for vaccinated Air New Zealand crew. This should include both the new policy that these crew can forgo managed isolation and - as the Stuff article appears to suggest - that they will also no longer be required to undergo regular Covid-19 testing. This should include copies of all science and technical advice that informed decision-making and documents containing any sort of "risk-reward" discussion.*

You then outlined your expectations for the information to be provided and noted you would be making a similar request to the Minister for COVID-19 Response, Hon Chris Hipkins.

Three documents have been found within the scope of your request. These documents are outlined in Appendix 1 of this letter with copies enclosed.

Please note the aircrew are subject to a seven-day surveillance testing regime.

I trust this fulfils your request. 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](mailto: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 of Health website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases).

Nāku noa, nā



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## Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	24 May 2021	Review of air border control measures relating to New Zealand-domiciled aircrew	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
2	11 June 2021	Air NZ New Zealand-domiciled aircrew on long haul routes	
3	-	Exemption of specified aircrew members from clause 22 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order (No 2) 2020	Refused in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as this information is publicly available at: <a href="https://www.gazette.govt.nz/assets/pdf-cache/2021/2021-go2433.pdf?2021-06-25_07%3A26%3A22=">https://www.gazette.govt.nz/assets/pdf-cache/2021/2021-go2433.pdf?2021-06-25_07%3A26%3A22=</a>