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Tēnā koe Jason

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 29 June 2021 for:

“would like to request a copy of all internal correspondence that resulted in the following being removed from the MoH website recently:

Document title: Aotearoa/New Zealand’s COVID-19 elimination strategy: an overview

I would like to know why this was removed, the discussion and justification that led to its removal. I understand this occurred roughly 24-26 June 2021”

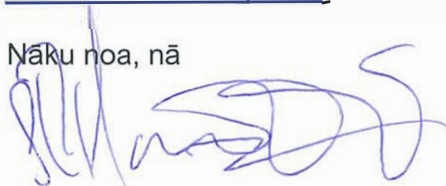
Information within scope of this request is itemised in Appendix 1 of this letter and copies of the documents are enclosed. The table in Appendix 1 outlines the grounds under which I have decided to withhold information. Where information is withheld, this is noted in the document itself.

Please note that, requests to update parts of the COVID-19 Elimination Strategy on the Ministry’s website were because the information did not accurately reflect the current requirements. For example, the Strategy indicated that everyone entering the country must isolate for 14 days. This did not account for the subsequent establishment of quarantine free travel.

I trust this information 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 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.

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix 1: Documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	8 – 23 June 2021	Email correspondence	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act: to protect the privacy of natural persons.
1a	8 May 2021	Website section: COVID-19: Elimination strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand	Released in full.