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Tēnā koe Harold

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 14 July 2021 for several COVID-19 documents. You stated you are interested in “...copies of three documents mentioned in the COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group’s review of the February outbreak response.”

Please find a response to each part of your request below.

- “1) Auckland February Outbreak 2021 – Internal Review of the Auckland February Outbreak 2021 Response*
- 2) Auckland February Outbreak 2021 – Internal Review of the Incident Management Team Response”*

While the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) has endeavoured to search for any information within the scope of this part of your request, only one internal review document was found. This document is outlined in Appendix 1 with a copy enclosed with this letter. No other documents were found within the scope of the above request. Therefore, part of your request for information relating to the “*Internal Review of the Incident Management Team Response*” is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts, cannot be found.

“I’d like this to include the two collateral documents mentioned on pages 17-18 of the report which are described as the “February Cluster Debrief” and the “brief memo on media information leaks.”

The document titled “*February Cluster Debrief*” has been identified and outlined in Appendix 1 with a copy enclosed. The document titled “*brief memo on media information leaks*” is outlined in Appendix 1 but is withheld in full under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act, to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the Act, to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely damage the public interest.

Please note, the Department of Internal Affairs did not receive a copy of the “*February Cluster Debrief*” document and therefore had no opportunity to comment.

“3) Manatū Hauora COVID-19 Resurgence Plan”

This document will soon be proactively released on the Ministry website. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) as information requested will soon be made publicly available.

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 of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā



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Manager
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Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Document details	Decision on release
1	Auckland February Outbreak 2021 - Internal Review of the Auckland February Outbreak 2021 Response	Released in full
2	February Cluster Debrief	Released in full
3	Brief memo on media information leaks	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the Act.