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Scott

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Dear Scott

I refer to your email, transferred to MBIE of 22 July 2021, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I'd like to request copies of the following documents, dated since the beginning of February:

- 1) All email communications between MBIE and Biocell Corporation, including copies of all Biocell's COVID-19 vaccine "update reports"*
- 2) All email communications between MBIE and the Vaccine Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand*

I am writing to notify you that I am extending the timeframe for responding to your request under the following sections of the Act:

- 15A(1)(a) the request is for a large quantity of official information or necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the department
- 15A(1)(b) consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

We will now respond to your full request on or before 14 October 2021, which is an extension of 40 working days. We will provide you with a partial response covering the BioCell content by 9 September 2021.

You have the right to seek investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at:

www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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