

02 September 2021

Reference: IR-01-21-25365

Lional Jones

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Dear Lional

I am writing in response to the email you submitted on 17 August 2021. Your request has been considered pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Specifically, you requested:

“Can you please advise details of any Covid-19 vaccination and mask use requirements, policies or “Standard Operating Procedures” (SOPs) for members of the DPS and the crown limo driver while on duty with the Prime Minister. Can you also please provide any memos, emails or other official communications that developed any of the requirements, policies or SOPs specific to the DPS and crown limo drivers.”

Police is responding to your request with regards to “DPS” staff members, while the part of your request regarding the “crown limo driver” has been transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs.

Members of Protection Services are fully vaccinated.

Protection Services staff wear masks in accordance with Police operational guidelines for use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in a Covid related environment across all lockdown levels as follows:

Role	Alert Level 1	Alert level 2	Alert Level 3	Alert Level 4
Frontline Staff (while deployed operationally)	No PPE required but must be available if dealing with symptomatic individuals, based on TENR Physical distancing, cough etiquette, and hygiene measures to be followed	Where you are unable to maintain more than 2 metres physical distance from members of the public: Apply TENR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N95 mask Gloves or hand washing/sanitising following interaction 	Minimum at all times when deployed operationally: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N95 mask Gloves 	Minimum at all times when deployed operationally: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N95 mask Gloves Apply TENR where there is a high likelihood of potential contact with secretions and consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goggles/eye protection Coveralls

In regards to your request for “ Standard Operating Procedures,” and “memos, emails or other official communications that developed any of the requirements, policies or SOPs” – Police does not provide any information around the way in which it provides security for the personal safety of the Prime Minister, and the release of such information is withheld for reasons of operational security and the ongoing safety of the Prime Minister.

The following provisions from the Act apply:

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Section 6(a) provides good reason to withhold official information where the making available of the information is likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the government of New Zealand.

Section 6(c) provides good reason to withhold official information where the release of that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

Section 6(d) provides good reason to withhold official information where the release of this information would be likely to endanger the safety of any person.

I trust that you are satisfied with my response to your request. If not, you have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Taylor', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Superintendent Barry Taylor
Director: Major Events

