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Tēnā koe Sebastian,

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 20 July 2022 for information regarding the COVID-19 Technical Advisory Group (C-TAG) and the COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV-TAG).

On 16 August 2022, a partial response was provided to you which also noted that the remaining parts of your request will be responded to in due course.

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

“For these two advisory groups:

- 1) COVID-19 Technical Advisory Group*
- 2) COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group*

I would like to request copies of

- 1. All meeting minutes dated since 15 February 2022*

Please refer to Documents 1 to 9 outlined in Appendix 1 of this letter. Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

- 2. All memos or reports they have produced since 15 February 2022*

This part of your request was responded to on 16 August 2022.

- 3. Their current terms of reference*

Please refer to Document 10.

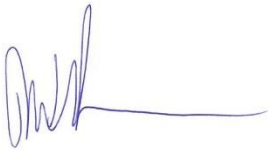
4. *Their most recent work programme*

This information is noted in the CV-TAG minutes provided to you.

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 Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Henderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave Henderson
**Group Leader, Intelligence, Surveillance and Knowledge
Public Health Agency, Ministry of Health**

Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	15 February 2022	Minutes: CV_TAG 15 February 2022	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(k) of the Act to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or advantage.
2	01 March 2022	Minutes: CV_TAG 01 March 2022	Some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • section 9(2)(k) and; • 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers and officers and employees of any public service agency.
3	08 March 2022	Minutes: CV_TAG 08 March 2022	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(k) of the Act.
4	29 March 2022	Minutes: CV_TAG 29 March 2022	
5	29 March 2022	Minutes: CV_TAG 29 March 2022	
6	26 April 2022	Minutes: CV_TAG 26 April 2022	
7	10 May 2022	Minutes: CV_TAG 10 May 2022	
8	24 May 2022	Minutes: CV_TAG 24 May 2022	
9	21 June 2022	Minutes: CV_TAG 21 June 2022	Some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • section 9(2)(k) and; • section 9(2)(ba)(ii) to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely damage the public interest.
10	01 March 2021	Terms of Reference – COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group 01 March 2021	Released in full.