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Dear Harold

Official Information Act request relating to COVID-19 vaccine certificates for domestic use

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was partially transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to me as the Minister for COVID-19 Response on 27 September 2021. You requested:

“Copies of all briefings to Cabinet or any minister that deal with the topic of COVID-19 vaccine certificates for domestic use, dated since 9 April.”

The timeframes for responding to your request were extended to allow for consultations on your request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

In the spirit of the Act, the following documents have been identified as being within scope of the timeframes of your request:

- Joint Briefing: *Initial advice on the domestic use of COVID-19 vaccination certificates*, dated 17 September 2021
- Joint Briefing: *The domestic use of COVID-19 vaccination certificates in high risk settings*, dated 24 September 2021
- Cabinet paper: *COVID-19: A Strategy for a Highly Vaccinated New Zealand*, dated 27 September 2021
- Brief Insights Report – *Details on different countries’ approaches to domestic COVID-19 vaccine passes*, dated 1 October 2021
- Cabinet paper: *COVID-19: A Strategy for a Highly Vaccinated New Zealand: Report Back*, dated 4 October 2021
- Joint Briefing: *COVID-19 vaccine certificates – settings for domestic use*, dated 14 October 2021
- Cabinet paper: *COVID-19: Confirming a strategy for a highly vaccinated New Zealand*, dated 18 October 2021
- Cabinet paper: *COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates: Implementation in domestic settings*, dated 26 October 2021
- Briefing: *COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates: Further advice on prohibited settings*, dated 5 November

I have made the decision to proactively release all decision making documents relating to COVID-19 vaccination certificates, including the above, on the Unite against COVID-19 website (see: covid19.govt.nz/). I intend to publish this information in due course.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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

Chris Hipkins
Minister for COVID-19 Response