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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) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 15 November 2021 for information regarding the COVID-19 Testing Technical Advisory Group and the COVID-19 Therapeutic Testing Advisory Group.

You requested:

"All meeting minutes and reports or advice they have produced and submitted to any minister since 1 October 2021."

Three documents have been found within scope of your request. Information within scope of this request is itemised in Appendix 1 of this letter and copies of the documents are enclosed. The table in Appendix 1 outlines the grounds under which I have decided to withhold information. Where information is withheld, this is noted in the document itself.

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

Nāku noa, nā

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Appendix 1: Documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	14 October 2021	Minutes: COVID-19 Testing Technical Advisory Group	Information withheld under section 9(2)(k) to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage
2	15 October 2021	Minutes: COVID-19 Testing Therapeutic Advisory Group	
3	1 October 2021	Minutes: COVID-19 Testing Therapeutic Advisory Group	