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Dear AJ Sheppard

Official Information Act request for correspondence with the Administrator of Tokelau regarding their COVID-19 vaccination programme

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, partially transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on 26 November 2021. You requested:

“3) I request copies of any correspondence involving covid 19 and Tokelau's covid 19 vaccine rollout/plan between the any Cabinet Minister and the administrator of Tokelau between 1st May 2021 and 31st August 2021.”

I note your request has been transferred to relevant portfolio ministers, and this response relates to information held by this office, as it relates to my portfolio as Minister for COVID-19 Response.

On a review of our records, no such communications have been identified. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as “the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found”.

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 be 'CH'.

Hon Chris Hipkins

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