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Dear Scott

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 24 November 2021 for copies of briefings received by my office in August 2021. Specifically, the briefings you requested were:

- 1. Ministry of Health response shifts to respond to the risk of the Delta variant (REF: 20211793)*
- 2. COVID-19 outbreak phases and management (REF: 20211740)*
- 3. Funding the health system response to COVID-19 - report back on health service expenditure to 30 June 2021 (REF: 20211774)*
- 4. COVID-19 Alert Level public health advice: Auckland community case (REF: 20211889)*
- 5. Delta outbreak August 2021: Interim public health advice on a review of Alert Level settings for New Zealand (22 August) (REF: 20211915)*
- 6. Approach to managed isolation and quarantine for community cases and close contacts (REF: 20211926)*
- 7. Delta Outbreak August 2021: Interim Public Health Advice on a Review of Alert Level Settings for New Zealand (26 August) (REF: 20211946)*
- 8. Delta Outbreak August 2021: Interim Public Health Advice on a Review of Alert Level Settings for New Zealand (28 August) (REF: 20211961)*
- 9. Risk-based approach to reconnections: Proposed health requirements under the three entry pathways (REF: 20211936)"*

These documents are itemised in Appendix 1 of this letter and copies are enclosed. The table in Appendix 1 also 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.

Yours sincerely

Chris Hipkins
Minister for COVID-19 Response

Appendix One: List of documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	6 August 2021	Ministry of Health response shifts to respond to the risk of the Delta variant (REF: 20211793)	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
2	16 August 2021	COVID-19 outbreak phases and management (REF: 20211740)	
3	10 August 2021	Funding the health system response to COVID-19 - report back on health service expenditure to 30 June 2021 (REF: 20211774)	Some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9(2)(a) and • 9(2)(b)(ii) where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information
4	17 August 2021	COVID-19 Alert Level public health advice: Auckland community case (REF: 20211889)	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
5	22 August 2021	Delta outbreak August 2021: Interim public health advice on a review of Alert Level settings for New Zealand (22 August) (REF: 20211915)	Publicly available here: https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/proactive-releases/health-response/ .
6	23 August 2021	Approach to managed isolation and quarantine for community cases and close contacts (REF: 20211926)	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
7	26 August 2021	Delta Outbreak August 2021: Interim Public Health Advice on a Review of Alert Level Settings for New Zealand (26 August) (REF: 20211946)	Publicly available here: https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/proactive-releases/health-response/ .
8	29 August 2021	Delta Outbreak August 2021: Interim Public Health Advice on a Review of Alert Level Settings for New Zealand (28 August) (REF: 20211961)	
9	25 August 2021	Risk-based approach to reconnections: Proposed health requirements under the three entry pathways (REF: 20211933)	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.