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Tēnā koe

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your follow up request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 22 December 2021. You asked:

"...please reduce this scope to the earliest ten emails with MATTR in regards to the My Vaccine Pass application, that would be very much appreciated."

The Ministry has undertaken a search of its records for emails within scope of your request. The search included emails starting from the point when the Ministry first received a directive to work on a domestic vaccine pass in mid-September 2021.

Emails deemed to be within scope of your request are itemised in Appendix 1 and attached to this letter. Appendix 1 outlines the grounds under which information has been withheld. I have considered the countervailing public interest in releasing this information and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

Please note, earlier emails where the Ministry may have discussed vaccination certificates generally, which may have included references to domestic use, could exist. However, despite reasonable efforts to locate these the information cannot be found.

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	17 September 2021	Email correspondence	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
2	17 September 2021	Email correspondence	Released with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9(2)(a); and • 9(2)(k) to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or advantage.
3	18 September 2021	Email correspondence	Released with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9(2)(a); and • 9(2)(k).
4	20 September 2021	Email correspondence	Released with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9(2)(a); and • 9(2)(k).
5	22 September 2021	Email correspondence	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
6	22 September 2021	Email correspondence	Released with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9(2)(a); and • 9(2)(k).
7	22 September 2021	Email correspondence	Released with 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.
8	24 September 2021	Email correspondence	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
9	27 September 2021	Email correspondence	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
10	28 September 2021	Email correspondence	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).