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M Fitzgibbon
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Dear M Fitzgibbon

EXTENSION OF YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2022, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), any correspondence between the Ministry of Defence and the New Zealand Defence Force and vice versa, and between the Ministry and the Minister and vice versa, regarding;

- 1) *the COVID-19 vaccination and the mandating of the COVID-19 vaccination and any exemptions to it,*
- 2) *the COVID-19 vaccination and the mandating of the COVID-19 vaccination and the NZ Bill of Rights act.*

The Ministry does not have any correspondence on ‘the COVID-19 vaccination and the mandating of the COVID-19 vaccination and the NZ Bill of Rights Act’. As a result I am declining this part of your request under section 18(e) the Act.

In order to provide the information you have requested under part one of your request, it is necessary to consult other agencies. Therefore, I am extending the time for providing this information by 15 working days, to 22 March in accordance with section 15A(1)(b) of the Act. The Ministry will endeavour to respond sooner if possible.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this extension.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Douglass'.

Carol Douglass
Deputy Secretary Governance, People and Executive Services