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Internal Affairs**

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Tēnā koe Maxwell,

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Thank you for your follow-up email of 10 March 2022, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"...can you confirm that the references to alignment of the DIA Digital Identity Trust Framework with My Health Account and My COVID Record...have been stipulated independent of the DIA's knowledge and collaboration?"

I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information you have requested does not exist.

The Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill does not allow for the integration of data from multiple sources in a single location. It provides rules for entities such as the Ministry of Health to operate under when providing their own digital identity services.

There are existing data management standards applicable to government agencies, which you can find here: www.digital.govt.nz/standards-and-guidance/. The Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill will establish rules based in part on these existing standards.

The Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) consulted with other government agencies during the development of the Digital Identity Service Trust Framework (the Trust Framework), including the Ministry of Health.

Information about the Trust Framework's consultation process can be found at the following link: [www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Proactive-releases/\\$file/proactive-release-digital-identity-trust-framework.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Proactive-releases/$file/proactive-release-digital-identity-trust-framework.pdf).

During the development of the COVID-19 health policies, the Department provided informal verbal advice to Ministry of Health officials on key principles of the proposed Trust Framework. This was for the purpose of ensuring robust privacy and security standards were built in to the COVID-19 health policies.

If you have concerns about how the Ministry of Health handles personal information, I recommend you raise these with the Ministry of Health's Privacy Officer. You can contact them by writing to:

The Privacy Officer
Ministry of Health
PO Box 5013
Wellington

Thank you for your interest in the Trust Framework and the Bill.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Balakrishnan', written in a cursive style.

Anita Balakrishnan
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