

5 April 2022

Sarah Elliot

By email fyi-request-18826-0cfc3d4a@requests.fyi.org.nz  
Ref H202203767

Tēnā koe Sarah

### **Partial transfer of your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 9 March 2022 for:

*“Copies of the scientific research and evidence documents (including published papers) used by the government to justify their decisions on vaccine mandating workplaces.”*

*All meeting minutes where vaccine workplace mandates were on the agenda, discussed and agreed. These are from any relevant government department.”*

On 24 March 2022, the Ministry asked you to clarify part 2 of your request. You responded with the following:

*“Re point two - All meeting minutes where vaccine workplace mandates were on the agenda, discussed and agreed. These are from any relevant government department.”*

*To clarify: I want to see the minutes from the Ministry of Health and the Covid 19 Ministers response team where decisions were made to go ahead with workplace mandates.”*

The Ministry believes that part 2 of your clarified request is more closely connected with the functions of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). For this reason, I have decided to partially transfer this part of your request to DPMC under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. You can expect a response from their agency in due course.

The Ministry will respond to part 1 as soon as reasonably practicable.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to partially transfer your request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Jan Torres  
**Acting Manager, OIA Services**  
**Office of the Director-General**

## Copy of OIA request

1.

**From:** Sarah Elliott <fyi-request-18826-0cfc3d4a@requests.fyi.org.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 9/03/2022 20:02  
**To:** oiagr@health.govt.nz  
**Subject:** Official Information request - Evidence for vaccine mandating workplaces

Dear Ministry of Health,

As a resident of New Zealand, I am requesting the following information.

I would like to see:

- 1) Copies of the scientific research and evidence documents (including published papers) used by the government to justify their decisions on vaccine mandating workplaces.
- 2) All meeting minutes where vaccine workplace mandates were on the agenda, discussed and agreed. These are from any relevant government department.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Elliott

2.

**From:** Sarah Elliott <fyi-request-18826-0cfc3d4a@requests.fyi.org.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday 28/03/22 09:42  
**To:** oiagr@health.govt.nz  
**Subject:** Refinement of your request for official information, ref: H202203767

Dear OIA Requests,  
Thank you for the response - I would have responded sooner however the website was down.

Please see clarification of my request below.

Re point one - Copies of the scientific research and evidence documents (including published papers) used by the government to justify their decisions on vaccine mandating workplaces.

To clarify: I want to see the scientific research and evidence documents that were presented to the Covid 19 Minister from the Ministry of Health for him to use to justify his decision on going ahead with any workplace mandates within the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021.

Re point two - All meeting minutes where vaccine workplace mandates were on the agenda, discussed and agreed. These are from any relevant government department.

To clarify: I want to see the minutes from the Ministry of Health and the Covid 19 Ministers response team where decisions were made to go ahead with workplace mandates.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Elliott