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Chuck Schooner
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Dear Chuck

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Any and all details around the 2022 Special Ukraine Policy.
Will Ukrainian people part of this policy be required to have had three Pfizer jabs?
Yes or No.
Please provide all details / correspondence / recommendation on this issue. If the above has not been considered then why not?*

The information relating to the 2022 Special Ukraine visa can be found on Immigration New Zealand's website: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/tools-and-information/support-family/new-temporary-visa-for-family-of-ukrainians-in-new-zealand>

Holders of the 2022 Special Ukraine visa are not required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccinations, as outlined in the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order 2021: https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2021/0427/latest/LMS580974.html?search=s_act%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_air+border+order+resel+25+a&p=1

I note that this is a Health instrument rather than an Immigration instrument, as public health settings do not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

This visa category was recommended in a Cabinet paper that I took to Cabinet in March 2022. This Cabinet paper will soon be publicly available as part of my office's proactive release work, therefore I am refusing to release it under section 18(d) of the Act.

As my portfolio is not responsible for public health settings, including choices of vaccine, there is no correspondence within the scope of your request, and I am therefore also refusing it under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

The Ministry of Health's website lists all COVID-19 vaccines currently approved in New Zealand: <https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccines-available-new-zealand>

I trust you find this information useful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kris Faafoi', written over a horizontal line.

Hon Kris Faafoi
Minister of Immigration