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8 August 2022

Harold

By email: fyi-request-19134-f3cd2fc5@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: ALOIA236

Dear Harold

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 7 July 2022 for:

- 1) Briefing: "Omicron: Case investigation interaction with the Care in the Community pathway" [14 March 2022]
- 2) Memorandum: "COVID-19 Care in the Community Framework - Omicron Update" [23 March 2022]
- 3) Memorandum: "Aged Residential Care Omicron Funding request" [7 April 2022]
- 4) Briefing: "COVID-19 vaccine purchasing and management transfer to Pharmac" [28 April 2022]
- 5) Memorandum: "Meeting with Media Freedom Committee" [29 April 2022]
- 6) And finally, I would like to request copies of all Care in the Community Weekly Dashboards received by the minister since the beginning of May 2022."

The documents requested are itemised in Appendix 1, which outlines the grounds under which I have decided to withhold information. Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

You will note that Document 2, the memorandum entitled *COVID-19 Care in the Community Framework - Omicron Update*, refers to the "updated Omicron framework". This framework is publicly available here: www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-health-professionals/caring-people-covid-19-community.

I am advised that the briefing entitled *COVID-19 vaccine purchasing and management transfer to Pharmac* is being considered for release to you by the office of Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall, Minister for COVID-19 Response. This is in response to a request you made under the Act to the former Minister for COVID-19 Response, Hon Chris Hipkins, with the reference number CHOIA269. Please refer to Minister Verrall's response for a decision on the release of this briefing.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Little". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon Andrew Little
Minister of Health

Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	14 March 2022	Briefing: Omicron: Case investigation interaction with the Care in the Community pathway	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.
2	23 March 2022	Memorandum: COVID-19 Care in the Community Framework – Omicron update	
3	7 April 2022	Memorandum: Aged Residential Care Omicron Funding Request	
4	29 April 2022	Memorandum: Meeting with the Media Freedom Committee	
5a	4 May 2022	Care in the Community Weekly Dashboard – week ending 1 May 2022	Released in full
5b	11 May 2022	Care in the Community Weekly Dashboard – week ending 8 May 2022	
5c	18 May 2022	Care in the Community Weekly Dashboard – week ending 15 May 2022	
5d	25 May 2022	Care in the Community Weekly Dashboard – week ending 22 May 2022	
5e	1 June 2022	Care in the Community Weekly Dashboard – week ending 29 May 2022	
5f	8 June 2022	Care in the Community Weekly Dashboard – week ending 5 June 2022	
5g	15 June 2022	Care in the Community Weekly Dashboard – week ending 12 June 2022	
5h	22 June 2022	Care in the Community Weekly Dashboard – week ending 19 June 2022	
5i	29 June 2022	Care in the Community Weekly Dashboard – week ending 26 June 2022	
5j	6 July 2022	Care in the Community Weekly Dashboard – week ending 3 July 2022	