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Tēnā koe Courtney

### Response to 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 27 April 2022 for information about:

*“1. the expected timeframes for the disestablishment or phasing out of the requirement for New Zealand citizens to obtain a pre-departure tests prior to reentering New Zealand following international travel; and*

*2. public health advice relied upon or relating to the decision to maintain this entry requirement currently, particularly in light of the prevalence of COVID-19 in the community in New Zealand.*

On 22 June 2022 the Ministry emailed you to advise of the decision in response to your request. Four documents have been identified within scope of your request. Please note excerpts of Documents one to four have been released in accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the Act, with information deemed out of scope of your request excluded. I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

From 11:59pm Monday 20 June 2022 travellers to New Zealand no longer need a COVID-19 pre-departure test.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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## Appendix 1: Documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	14 January 2022	Memo: Health rationale for DPMC's paper on 'Reconnecting New Zealanders: Omicron update'	Excerpts provided under section 16(1)(e) of the Act
2	4 February 2022	Briefing: Requirements for the medium-risk pathway (HR20220130)	
3	13 April 2022	Email correspondence: FW: ODPH PDT preference	
4	14 April 2022	Memo: Review of the testing regime for air arrivals	