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Dear Harold

## Official Information Act request for advice received by the Minister for COVID-19 Response

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 14 July 2022. You requested:

1. "DPMC-2021/22-1723] "Meeting with the COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group" [21 March 2022]
2. [DPMC-2021/22-1860] "Report on Progress Against Reviews and Recommendations Update" [7 April 2022]
3. [DPMC-2021/22-1930] "Review of New Zealand's COVID-19 Protection Framework settings" [12 April 2022]
4. DPMC-2021/22-2148] "Publication of Excess Mortality Statistics" [12 May 2022]
5. DPMC-2021/22-2149] "Update on COVID-19 Response" [13 May 2022]
6. DPMC-2021/22-2137] "Review of New Zealand's COVID-19 Protection Framework and self-isolation settings" [19 May 2022]
7. DPMC-2021/22-2177] "COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group: Assurance areas raised during Omicron wave" [19 May 2022]
8. [DPMC-2021/22-2233] "Update on COVID-19 Response" [27 May 2022]
9. Any further reviews of New Zealand's COVID-19 Protection Framework settings, dated since the beginning of June 2022. For the avoidance of doubt, I am seeking documents of the type I have asked for in parts 3 and 6 of my request above, but dated since the beginning of June 2022.
10. Any further reports titled "Update on COVID-19 Response," dated since the beginning of June 2022."

I can advise that all of the documents you have requested will soon be proactively released on the 'Unite Against COVID-19 website, which is accessible at the following link: <https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases>. I have included below a full publication schedule for these documents:

Item	Date	Document Title	Decision
1	21 March 2022	Meeting with the COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group	Refused under 18(d) – due to be proactively released by 30 August 2022 here: <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/independent-advisory-groups/">https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/independent-advisory-groups/</a>
2	7 April 2022	Report on Progress Against Reviews and	Refused under 18(d) – due to be proactively released by

			<a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/reviews-and-audits/">our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/reviews-and-audits/</a>
3	12 April 2022	<i>Review of New Zealand's COVID-19 Protection Framework settings</i>	Refused under 18(d) – due to be proactively released by 30 August 2022 here: <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/">https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/</a>
4	12 May 2022	<i>Publication of Excess Mortality Statistics</i>	Refused under 18(d) – due to be proactively released by 30 September 2022 here: <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/reviews-and-audits/">https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/reviews-and-audits/</a>
5	13 May 2022	<i>Update on COVID-19 Response</i>	Refused under 18(d) – due to be proactively released by 30 September 2022 here: <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/">https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/</a>
6	19 May 2022	<i>Review of New Zealand's COVID-19 Protection Framework and self-isolation settings</i>	Refused under 18(d) – due to be proactively released by 30 September 2022 here: <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/">https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/</a>
7	19 May 2022	<i>COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group: Assurance areas raised during Omicron wave</i>	Refused under 18(d) – due to be proactively released by 30 September 2022 here: <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/">https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/</a>
8	27 May 2022	<i>Update on COVID-19 Response</i>	Refused under 18(d) – due to be proactively released by 30 September 2022 here: <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/">https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/</a>
9		<i>Any further reviews of New Zealand's COVID-19 Protection Framework settings, dated since the beginning of June 2022</i>	Refused under 18(d) – due to be proactively released by 15 October 2022 here: <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/">https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/</a>

10		<i>Any further reports titled "Update on COVID-19 Response," dated since the beginning of June 2022</i>	Refused under 18(d) – due to be proactively released by 15 October 2022 here: <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/">https://covid19.govt.nz/about-our-covid-19-response/proactive-releases/alert-levels-and-restrictions/</a>
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You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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**Minister for COVID-19 Response**