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Tēnā koe Mr McCashin

### **Official Information Act request relating to impacts analysis of lockdowns**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request partially transferred from the Office of Hon Ayesha Verrall on 8 August 2022. Specifically, you requested:

- "3. Please also provide any and all correspondence between DPMC, Ministry of Defence, NZ Police, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education about forecast lockdowns from January 2022 to todays date. Please include any and all specialist teams that might be working directly on locking Kiwis down.*
- 4. Please provide all correspondence between these agencies about further restrictions to current settings, legal justification, legal opinions, and and all legal work done to justify draconian lockdowns."*

On 29 August 2022, we informed you that part 3 of your information request was refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

In response to part 4 of your request, on 29 August 2022 we emailed you to refine your request, as the existing request wording would lead to a refusal due to substantial collation. As we have not received a response from you, I have decided to refuse this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Fairhall  
**Deputy Chief Executive  
COVID-19 Response**