



13 September 2022

Harold
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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0060

Dear Harold

Official Information Act request relating scenario planning conducted by the COVID-19 Group Readiness & Planning Team and other COVID-19 scenario planning

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 18 August 2022. Please find your request enclosed with this letter.

On 31 August 2022, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) consider narrowing the scope of your request to a specific document or subject as due to the breadth of documents your request was asking for, our response was likely to be a refusal of your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

You replied with the following refinement of your request:

"ONE: The minutes of a 28 September 2021 meeting of the COVID-19 National Response Group refers to 'worst case scenario' planning:

"The Chair updated NRG that the DPMC Readiness & Planning Team will be hosting 'worst case scenario' planning in case the tail of the Auckland outbreak is not contained." The meeting minutes can be accessed here (quote on p.13, para 7):

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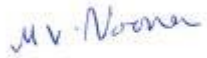
I would like to request a copy of any agenda or other document prepared for this planning, and any documents reporting its outcomes. If the outcomes and recommendations stemming from this planning were reported to the COVID-19 Chief Executives Board, I would like to request a copy of this report or presentation.

TWO: The minutes of a 28 November 2021 meeting of the COVID-19 National Response Leadership Team refers to planning for the Omicron variant:

"...next week the COVID-19 Readiness and Planning team will undertake some scenario testing in light of the new variant to test summer readiness. Outcomes will be given to CCB."

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Noonan".

Margaret, Noonan
Team Leader, Ministerial and Business Services