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Tēnā koe Scott

## Official Information Act request for copies of quarterly reports on progress against COVID-19 review recommendations

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 3 October 2022. You requested:

*"I would like to request copies of all quarterly reports on progress against COVID-19 review recommendations, received by this office since July 2021.*

*For clarity, I am requesting the kind of report that is available on the Unite Against COVID-19 website, here (this report dated June 2021):*

[...]

*My request is for:*

*ONE: Copies of all such quarterly reports, dated since July 2021. If any of these reports are scheduled for proactive release I would instead request the date that they are scheduled for proactive release.*

*TWO: If these reports are accompanied with briefing papers for the minister then I would like to request copies of these as well. This is, if there is a quarterly "dashboard" summary for this progress tracker, which is submitted to the minister along with a fuller briefing or report on this topic then I would like my request to cover both. "*

The documents you have requested have already been proactively released or are scheduled to be proactively released in the coming weeks as outlined in the tables overleaf.

**Table 1: Information publicly available**

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1.	30 June 2021	<u>A3 Report: Report of the Progress Against Recommendations</u>	<a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/reports/Independent-Advisory-Groups/June-2021-report-of-progress-against-recommendations.pdf">https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/reports/Independent-Advisory-Groups/June-2021-report-of-progress-against-recommendations.pdf</a>
3.	17 December 2021	<u>Briefing: Report on Progress Against Reviews and Recommendations Update</u>	<a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/Proactive-Releases/Reviews-and-audits/10-Aug-">https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/Proactive-Releases/Reviews-and-audits/10-Aug-</a>

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Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
		<u>A3 Report: Report on Progress Against Reviews and Recommendations Update August 2021</u> <u>A3 Report: Report on Progress Against Reviews and Recommendations Update December 2021</u>	2022/Report-on-Progress-Against-Reviews-and-Recommendations-Update.pdf
4.	7 April 2022	Briefing: <u>Report on Progress Against Reviews and Recommendations Update</u> <u>A3 Report: Report on Progress Against Reviews and Recommendations Update March 2022</u>	<a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/Proactive-Releases/Reviews-and-audits/11-Oct-2022/Report-on-Progress-Against-Reviews-and-Recommendations-Update.pdf">https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/Proactive-Releases/Reviews-and-audits/11-Oct-2022/Report-on-Progress-Against-Reviews-and-Recommendations-Update.pdf</a>

**Table 2: Information soon to be proactively released**

Item	Date	Document Description	Publication Date
1.	8 July 2021	<u>Briefing: Monthly Report on Progress Against Reviews and Recommendations</u>	4 December 2022
2.	3 August 2022	<u>Aide-Memoire: Insights from Recommendations across COVID-19 Response System Reviews July 2022</u> <u>Report: Insights from Recommendations across COVID-19 Response System Reviews July 2022</u>	

Your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the Act, that the information requested is, or will soon be publicly available.

In addition, some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the Act, on the grounds described in the documents.

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

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