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Ref: H2023021908

Tēnā koe AI,

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 16 March 2023 for information regarding domestic vaccine passes. You requested:

*"I would like to be provided with emails that were received by or sent within Health from between 1 July 2021 to December 24 2021 with any discussion within them on domestic vaccine passes.*

*I'm interesting in emails that discuss the implementation of, and the recommendations made to cabinet, including commentary once the domestic vaccine pass was introduced.*

*I am not requesting any information on the use of - or discussion of - the international version of the covid vaccine travel pass."*

On 27 March 2023, Manatū Hauora contacted you to advise that as your request currently stood, was for a very large volume of information. We also advised that your request may be refused under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, unless a refinement to the scope is made. On the same day you responded the following:

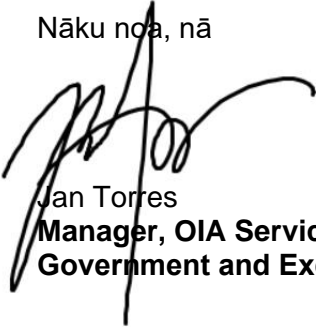
*- exclude emails around the technical implementation of the build of the domestic vaccine pass. This means no emails from IT teams that are primarily concerned with tech.*

Manatū Hauora conducted a search of emails in all databases across the Ministry and identified over 20 thousand email chains that could potentially be within scope of your request. Unfortunately, there is not a method to exclude emails only relating to the technical implementation of the domestic vaccine pass. I have considered whether charging or extending the time to compile the information would enable us to respond. However, I do not believe it is in the public interest to do so. Therefore, your request is unfortunately refused under section 18(f) of the Act.

Manatū Hauora however remains open to working with you on a new request. Key documents such as briefings and aides-mémoire may hold the information you are looking for. They will provide a comprehensive account of actions taken to implement the domestic vaccine pass, rather than email correspondence, which is usually administrative in nature.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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