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Jay

Via email: fyi-request-22570-a5a35621@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Jay

Thank you for your email of 26 April 2023, requesting copies of documents referred in Written Parliamentary Question 5232 (2023). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

AM22-0744: Airport Biosecurity measures for passenger arrivals over summer peak (9 Dec 2022)

MO22-0415: Brief update on baggage/mishandled baggage at airports (14 Dec 22)

AM22-0787: Auckland International Airport Update (22 Dec 22)

MO23-0012: Auckland Airport update (17 Jan 23)

Please find the requested documents attached as Appendix One. Some information has been withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(a) – *to protect the privacy of natural persons.*
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii) - *to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information.*
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) - *to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.*
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) - *the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation.*
- Some information is deemed out of scope of this request.

I am satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. You are advised of your right to raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Damien O'Connor'.

Hon Damien O'Connor
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