

# Hon Damien O'Connor

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Jay

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Dear Jay

Thank you for your request to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) on 30 April 2023, for information relating to Auckland airport. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

On 19 May 2023 your request was transferred to my Office.

On 24 May 2023 I responded your request for the following documents as part of another request you made directly to my Office:

- *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)*

You also requested the following documents from MPI:

- *Extracts from weekly reports prepared for Ministers from December and January which reference MPI operations at airports.*

Please find attached the documents you requested. Some information is deemed as out of scope of your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to the following sections of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) - to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials

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 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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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

Hon Damien O'Connor  
**Minister for Biosecurity**