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Tēnā koe Erika

Thank you for your email of 18 September 2023 confirming that your request of 13 September 2023 is for the following information:

*'... your employment policies for your staff related to Covid 19, and for any persons under any funding arrangements you have for work being carried out for Kainga Ora, ie c19 policies for its Personnel being all directors, employees, subcontractors, third party agents, external consultants, specialists, technical support and co-opted or seconded staff for Kainga Ora'*

Kāinga Ora has considered your clarified request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). On 19 October 2023 we extended the timeframe for responding in accordance with section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA.

Kāinga Ora did not create employment policies for staff in relation to COVID-19. We asked that any employees, including external consultants, specialists and technical support, co-opted, or seconded staff were fully vaccinated if they wished to enter our work premises.

We also required subcontractors and third party agents to ensure that any of their employees who had to enter our customers' homes were fully vaccinated.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases its responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/>, with your personal information removed.

Nāku noa, nā



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