



11 September 2020



Reference: OIA-2020/21-0100

Dear 

**Official Information Act request relating to a “green lane” or “travel bubble” with Singapore**

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 23 August 2020. You requested:

*“On 27 May 2020 the Prime Minister of New Zealand and the Prime Minister of Singapore held a virtual summit where the possibility of a “green lane” or “travel bubble” between the two countries was discussed. I request the following under the OIA:*

- 1. Any follow-up correspondence between the DPMC and other government agencies in New Zealand progressing the “green lane” or “travel bubble” objective;*
- 2. A summary of any subsequent correspondence or discussions between the PM or DPMC staff and the Government of Singapore regarding a “green lane” or “travel bubble”;*
- 3. All information held by DPMC regarding the criteria to be applied in assessing the risk of a “green lane” or “travel bubble” with Singapore;*
- 4. Any assessments subsequently made in connection with the criteria from item (3).”*

I note parts one and two of your request were transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) on 4 September 2020, as the information requested is more closely related to MFAT’s functions. Parts three and four remained with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) for response.

With regard to the parts of your request remaining with DPMC, a search was undertaken for any information in scope. No relevant material was identified. Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as “...the information requested does not exist”.

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

This response will be published on DPMC’s website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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