



23 November 2022

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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0284

Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act request for projects funded under the Disinformation Monitoring initiative

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 31 October 2022. You requested:

*"I would like to make a request for information relating to projects funded by the Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet policy initiative "COVID-19 Response - Epidemiological Modelling, Disinformation Monitoring and Risk Assessment."
For the avoidance of doubt, I am referring to projects funded under this initiative in both the 2021/22 and 2022/23 periods.
I would like to request a list of the reports paid for by this funding that have been completed and received by DPMC, including the report title, date and agency or organisation that produced it."*

As at 31 October 2022, the following reports have been funded by the policy initiative *COVID-19 Response - Epidemiological Modelling, Disinformation Monitoring and Risk Assessment* and provided to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet within the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

Title	Date	Supplier
Reporting of online harms and threats against the COVID-19 Response: Fortnight Update	11 July 2022	The Disinformation Project
Reporting of online harms and threats against the COVID-19 Response: Fortnight Update	25 July 2022	The Disinformation Project
Differential experiences of the pandemic, the infodemic, and information disorders – disinformation impacts for Māori	11 August 2022	The Disinformation Project
Appropriate Frameworks for social media analysis in New Zealand	June 2022	Brainbox Institute
COVID-19 Infodemic Research Report	September 2022	Kantar Republic

The University of Auckland (working under the consortium of COVID Modelling Aotearoa (CMA)) has been commissioned to undertake mathematical modelling of COVID-19 transmission for the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years. It has provided regular data for scenarios commissioned by an All of Government Modelling Steering Group, as well as guidance on the application of modelling. This modelling data has fed into situation updates and projections for Ministers and officials, as well as insights for the Ministry of Health, which are available on its website:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-trends-and-insights>

CMA have also published research stemming from the modelling work on its website:

<https://www.covid19modelling.ac.nz/reports/>

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

This response may be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet'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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