



2 March 2023



Ref: OIA-2022/23-0569

Dear 

Official Information Act request for COVID-19 sentiment analysis and research

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 13 February 2023. You requested:

"I request copies of all Covid response sentiment analyses and other Covid-related sentiment research completed between March 2022 and 18 December 2022."

On 2 August 2022 you received a response to a previous similar request (OIA-2021/22-1534 refers), which was refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the documents in scope were being prepared for proactive release.

I can confirm that these documents have since been published on both the Unite Against COVID-19 and DPMC websites. I have provided links below to the DPMC website.

Document Date	Document Title	Website Address
March 2022	Behaviour & Sentiment March Update	https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2023-01/Behaviour-and-Sentiment-Report-March-22-Update.pdf
May 2022	Behaviour & Sentiment May 2022 Update	https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2023-01/Behaviour-and-Sentiment-Report-May-22-Update.pdf

After a further search of our systems, I have identified a further document within scope of your earlier request that was omitted from the response.

Document Date	Document Title	Website Address
20 February – 6 April 2022	Unite Against COVID-19: Social Conversation Analysis	https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/UAC-Social-Conversation-Analysis-Part-18-February-20-to-7-day-period-ending-April-6-2022-release-document.pdf (dpmc.govt.nz)

Within scope of your current request are two further documents *Behaviour & Sentiment July 2022 Update*, and *Unite against the COVID-19 infodemic* which will be proactively released in the coming weeks on the DPMC website:

<https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications>

Accordingly, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested will soon be publicly available.

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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