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Tēnā koe

### Official Information Act request relating to a meeting on 13 August 2021

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 18 April 2026. You requested:

*"Please kindly provide copies of:*

- a) the agenda,*
- b) invitees and attendees,*
- c) any advice and decisions*

*for the Vaccine Ministers' zoom meeting on Friday 13 August 2021 where the request was made by one or more Ministers to remove safety information from public messaging about the possible heart inflammation (ie myocarditis and / or pericarditis) for younger people.*

*Please include any analysis on the apparent conflict in deciding to withdraw safety information and informed consent/ coercion in them proceeding with the "Two Jabs for Summer" campaign and Traffic Lights restrictions either before or after the government became aware of the post vaccine death of the 13 year old boy in Wellington in October 2021 and/ or the post vaccine death of 26 year old Rory Nairn from mRNA shot induced myoca ditis/heart inflammation in November 2021, and any advice about human ights, legal.or ethical breaches by government for proceeding with those coercive strategies and/ or for undermining information consent and fundamental rights even after knowing the mRNA shot may cause death "*

Ordinarily, we would transfer your request to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and the Ministry of Health (MoH) under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as the information sought is more closely connect d to the functions of those agencies. However, as you have already made your request to them directly, I instead refer you to their forthcoming responses.

This response addresses any additional material held by DPMC, being material that is not covered by the responses from those agencies.

For context, please note that DPMC is not aware of the matters that may have been discussed at "the Vaccine Ministers' zoom meeting on Friday 13 August 2021" referred to in your request. On that basis, we have interpreted the aspect of your request for "any advice" in connection with that meeting as referring to any formal advice provided to ministers in advance of the meeting.

## Information to be withheld

Identified as relevant to the part of your request for “any advice [...] for the Vaccine Ministers’ zoom meeting on Friday 13 August 2021” is a briefing provided by the DPMC Policy Advisory Group to the former Prime Minister, Rt Hon Dame Jacinda Ardern. This briefing was provided to the Prime Minister in confidence to support her in her role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet, and is withheld in its entirety under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

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 the DPMC 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.

Nāku noa, nā



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