




17 January 2024



Ref: OIA-2023/24-0416

Dear 

**Official Information Act request relating to meeting minutes from the covid strategic public health advisory group.**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 15 January 2024. You requested:

*"Please may I have the minutes from the 2021 strategic panel meetings. Why have 2021 strategic panel meetings' minutes been denied access."*

**Information publicly available**

COVID-19 proactive release material, including meeting minutes, was originally published on the Unite Against COVID-19 website. On 26 January 2023 this material was migrated to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet website: [COVID-19: Independent Advisory Groups | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet \(DPMC\)](#)

Proactive releases from independent advisory groups that provided expert advice to the Government, that may also be of interest to you, were provided on the following website: [Strategic COVID-19 Public Health Advisory Group | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is 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 will 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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