



14 June 2022

Tēnā koe

On 5 March 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information related to the Office for Disability Issues (ODI):

- *Copies of all advice tendered from the Office of Disability Issues to Ministers and Government Agencies in respect of the Government's preparation work for the Omicron outbreak in Aotearoa (this should include advice tendered in respect of the covid protection framework introduced in 3 December 2021 and any related legislation, regulation and policy instruments);*
- *Without limiting the scope of number 1 above, I would like all information tendered by your office to Ministers and Government Officials about the Caring in Community Initiatives, including the community hubs being established.*
- *In respect of the above, I am particularly interested in advice given by your office about the potential risks and impacts of widespread Covid cases to disabled people and how the Government could mitigate these.*
- *I am also seeking any information requests on the risks and Government mitigations of the Omicron outbreak to disabled people that you have sought from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Development and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and an indication of whether you received a response to these requests.*

In response to your request, please find the following documents attached:

Date	Title
11/11/2021	01 - 2021 11 11 ODI advice on the Managing COVID-19 positive patients in the community cabinet paper

Date	Title
18/11/2021	02 - 2021 11 18 ODI Advice - COVID-19 Care in the Community to Minister's Office.msg
19/11/2021	03 - REP/21/11/1270 - COVID-19 Care in the Community
	04 - This document has been omitted as it is out of scope.
24/11/2021	05 - 2021 11 24 Care in the community - ensuring readiness for integrated announcement, comms and engagement
24/11/2021	06 - COVID-19 Protection Framework Cab paper: request for input
26/11/2021	07 - Consultation on the next care in the community Cabinet Paper
30/11/2021	08 - Briefing for Minister Sepuloni
30/11/2021	08a - Summary of contents in paper
6/12/2021	09 - Traffic light level review - key impacts
8/12/2021	10 - SWC MIN CONSULT: COVID-19 Care in the Community Health System Readiness and Preparation
13/12/2021	11 - MoH COVID response work
14/12/2021	12 - REP/21/12/1375 - Disability Community COVID-19 Korero
15/12/2021	13 - REP/21/12/1396 - Meeting with Dr Tristram Ingham, Chair, Tātou Whaikaha
16/12/2021	14 - APs coming out of Tristram meeting
14/1/2022	15 - ODI Feedback - Traffic light level review - key impacts
14/1/2022	16 - ODI Feedback - Feedback on the phased opening of the borders
14/1/2022	17 - ODI Feedback - Traffic light level review - key impacts
20/1/2022	18 - ODI Input - Care in the Community welfare approach
25/1/2022	19 - Draft Omicron Cabinet paper comments
27/1/2022	20 - ODI input - Reconnecting New Zealanders - update on Cabinet paper drafting
26/1/2022	21 - NCTS Checklist
27/1/2022	22 - ODI RESPONSE - Draft Omicron Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation
28/1/2022	23 - Cab paper - Omicron and the CPF 2022
28/1/2022	24 - Media query masks
4/2/2022	25 - ODI INPUT 9.30 am TODAY: CIC Welfare Joint Ministers Paper
8/2/2022	26 - Aide-Memoire - Disabled people in the COVID-19 Protection Framework and Care in the Community model [MO]
8/2/2022	26a - Summary of contents in AM
8/2/2022	27 - Aide-Memoire - Disabled people in the COVID-19 Protection Framework and Care in the Community model [Health]
9/2/2022	28 - SWC paper - COVID Care in the Community
10/2/2022	29 - Disabled Persons Engagement Group
11/2/2022	30 - ODI ADVICE - Communication to Home and Community Support clients
11/02/2022	31 - DPO Coalition
11/02/2022	32 - Home Support and Personal Care Comms
17/2/2022	33 - 2022 02 17 ODI Draft letter - From joint Ministers following hui with DPO coalition

Date	Title
17/2/2022	34 - 2022 02 17 advice on supply of masks to critical workers and at-risk populations
28/2/2022	35 - List of ODI CPF Enhancements
28/2/2022	35a - ODI - CPF Enhancement Backlog Register
28/2/2022	35b - ODI form question changes
1/3/2022	36 - DRAFT BRIEFING - Face mask exemptions
1/3/2022	37 - Ministerial consultation - Care in Community
3/3/2022	38 - List of stakeholders to meet with Minister
4/3/2022	39 - Questionnaire: COVID Protection Framework Review

Please note that where appropriate, the Ministry has summarised the advice tendered as enabled by section 16(1) of the Act.

You will note that information regarding some individuals is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. The release of this information is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

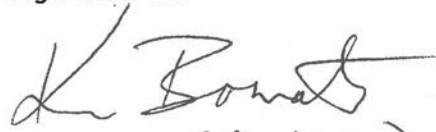
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui


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