



27 July 2020



Ref: OIA-2019/20-0571

Dear 

**Official Information Act request relating to the Trans-Tasman bubble**

I refer to your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 10 June 2020. You wrote (numbering added):

*“The request relates to the Trans-Tasman bubble, but specifically the inclusion of the Pacific Islands.*

*I ask the DPMC provide:*

- 1. All recorded advice, briefings, aide memoires, A4 visualisations, or other such information received by the DPMC from Pacific Island governments in relation to the Trans Tasman bubble since May 1 [to 10 June 2020].*
- 2. All recorded advice, briefings, aide memoires, A4 visualisations, or other such information received by the DPMC, from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MBIE and Tourism New Zealand, in relation to the Trans Tasman bubble since May 1 [to 10 June 2020].”*

I note you were advised on 23 June 2020 that the following parts of your request would have been transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), had you not already requested this information directly from MFAT, and that any information in scope would be assessed and communicated to you as appropriate by MFAT:

1. All recorded advice, briefings, aide memoires, A4 visualisations, or other such information received by DPMC from Pacific Island governments in relation to the Trans-Tasman bubble from 1 May 2020 to 10 June 2020, specifically regarding the inclusion of the Pacific Islands, and
2. All recorded advice, briefings, aide memoires, A4 visualisations, or other such information received by DPMC from MFAT in relation to the Trans-Tasman bubble from 1 May 2020 to 10 June 2020, specifically regarding the inclusion of the Pacific Islands.

In addition to this, I note the time limits for responding to your request were extended by 20 working days. Following this, I am now in a position to respond to the part of the request remaining with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC).

Advice received for the drafting of a Cabinet paper was identified as in scope of your request. I have decided to withhold this information under the following sections of the Act:

- 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand,
- 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to ministers and officials, and
- 9(2)(j), to enable negotiations to be carried on without prejudice or disadvantage.

Some further information was received by DPMC. This information was advice contained within draft Cabinet material and was sent to DPMC as part of the consultation process. I have decided to withhold this draft advice under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act but note that the final version of this material will be considered for public release in the coming weeks.

No other information has been identified as relevant to your request.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

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 DPMC'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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