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Ref: OIA-2020/21-0721

Dear 

Official Information Act request relating to He Whenua Taurikura

I refer to your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 29 June 2021. You requested:

"...Following He Whenua Taurikura earlier this month in Christchurch we would like to request a copy of the project plan, communication plan, risk management plan or similar documents. Also any subsequent lessons learned and/or de-brief memo/meeting notes, evaluations or similar documentation. Full list of participants including organisations they represent..."

I note the parts of your request for a copy of the "risk management plan or similar documents" and the "full list of participants including organisations they represent" were transferred on 9 July 2021 to the Department of Internal Affairs, as they are more closely connected to its functions. I further note that the time frame for responding to the parts of your request remaining with DPMC was extended by 20 working days to allow for further consultation. Following this, I am now in a position to respond.

A "project plan" and "communication plan" were not prepared for He Whenua Taurikura. Accordingly, I am refusing these parts of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as "the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist". With regard to the part of your request for "any subsequent lessons learned and/or de-brief memo/meeting notes, evaluations or similar documentation", the information you have requested will be made available in the coming weeks on DPMC's website at the following address: dPMC.govt.nz/our-programmes/national-security/royal-commission-inquiry-terrorist-attack-christchurch-masjidain/he. Accordingly, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as "the information requested is or 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 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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