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Official Information Act request: **Communications regarding the transfer of the coronavirus patient from Fiji**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request transferred from the Ministry of Health to the Northern Region DHBs on 27 October 2021:

Under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 I request all original communications from July 26 – July 31 including briefings, reports, memos, aides memoirs, cabinet papers, data and texts regarding the following information: Around the transfer of the coronavirus patient from Fiji including:

1. All communications with MFAT
2. All communications with UN officials
3. All communications with ARPHS declining and then accepting the transfer
4. All communications with between MFAT, UN Officials, MOH and ARPHS with Middlemore Medical Director Stacey Wilson
5. All communications with between MFAT, UN Officials, MOH and ARPHS with Senior Program Manager Michelle Nicholson Burr
6. Any text messages redacted in OIA 26621 to Lobby New Zealand referenced as fy-request-16824-d6045598@requests.fyi.org.nz
7. Where information is withheld, I request you provide the title and date of the communication/document withheld, the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19 (a) (i) and (ii) of the Official Information Act.

Response

Please see the information that Auckland DHB has released in responses to Official Information Act requests on this subject, attached as **OIA 1098 Attachment I**.

We did not collate or contribute to the OIA 26621 to Lobby New Zealand you request information on at 6) above and thus do not have the information requested.

The information compiled and redacted are largely emails and thus the documents do not have titles. We decline to provide the titles of information redacted because this information did not have titles.

Please also see the publicly available information on this patient at the Counties Manukau DHB websites. Some of Auckland DHB's information contribution to the planning and organisation for this patient is included those DHB's information releases. The relevant information is in the responses to requests from Stuff and Discovery at:

- 1) <https://www.countiesmanukau.health.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/publicly-released-oias//show/460>
- 2) <https://www.countiesmanukau.health.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/publicly-released-oias//show/459>

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Dotchin". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Margaret" and the last name "Dotchin" clearly legible. There is a small flourish at the end of the signature.

Margaret Dotchin
Acting Chief Executive