



NEW ZEALAND
POLICE
Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

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Dan Picknell


Tēnā koe Dan

This letter responds to your email to Commissioner Andrew Coster dated 20 October 2023 and your associated information request dated 10 November 2023.

20 October 2023 email

I understand you have a number of concerns about New Zealand's response to COVID-19, particularly relating to vaccination. You have previously raised similar concerns with Police and Police has replied to you, noting your concerns but advising that Police will not be investigating the COVID-19 response. The IPCA has also responded to your concerns (refer IPCA: 21-8483).

As you may be aware, there is currently a Royal Commission of Inquiry into lessons learned from New Zealand's response to COVID-19 (see: [Home | Covid-19 Lessons Learned \(royalcommission.nz\)](https://www.royalcommission.nz/)). You might consider taking the opportunity to engage with the Royal Commission about your concerns.

You also raised concerns about Police's COVID-19 response as an employer, and its impact on you while you were employed by Police. Police has previously responded to those concerns in the context of your personal grievance dated 13 May 2022. Police does not have anything to add to its previous response at this time, but again acknowledges this period was a very difficult time for you.

Request for information

You made an Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request on 10 November 2023, which related to your 20 October 2023 email. You requested the following:

On the 20th of October 2023 at 12:26pm, I sent an email to Commissioner Andrew Coster, Deputy Commissioner Tania Kura, Superintendent Naila Hassan, Inspector Matthew Srhoj, Inspector Mark Fergus, Inspector Matthew Laurenson, and Inspector Martyn Ruth. The email was titled Matter Requiring Urgent Attention and Response. 3 weeks later I have no reply or acknowledgement. Please provide under Official Information Act, all internal and any external communications, reports or messages had related to my email between the persons it was addressed to and any other party it has been discussed or commented on with, not limited to within New Zealand Police

I can advise that your email dated 20 October 2023 has been discussed with Ministerial Services, Integrity and Conduct and legal advisors within Police. In accordance with its standard

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policy for OIA requests, Police sought approval from the Executive Director: People Services, who is the responsible Police executive for this request.

I enclose a copy of the correspondence between Ministerial Services and Integrity and Conduct. Contact details of Police employees have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons. Communications made in the course of and for the purpose of Police obtaining legal advice and communications with Police's legal advisers have been withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(h) of the OIA, to maintain legal professional privilege. Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. Therefore, an anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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