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s 9(2)(a)

By email: s 9(2)(a)  
Ref: H2023019313

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 16 January 2023 as a follow up to information provided to you under ref: H2022017383. Your request is responded to below in turn:

- *Additionally could you provide the agenda and minutes of the 24 November meeting.*

The NEAC 24 November 2022 meeting minutes are still being finalised. They will be published online following the NEAC meeting scheduled for 16 March 2023. However, you may be interested in the 24 November 2022 meeting agenda which is now publicly available here: <https://neac.health.govt.nz/meetings/2022-meetings/>.

- *B. Further could you provide a description of the content from pages 58 and 59 of document #4 which have been redacted in full as "out of scope." How could two entire pages of a three page document about the NEAC consultation be determined as out of scope. Sec 17 of the OIA only permits certain deletions for specific reasons under specific sections of the Act, and Out of Scope is not one of them.*

Manatū Hauora still considers these emails out of scope of your original request. However, in the interest of providing reasonable assistance, we are providing copies of these emails with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- Section 9(2)(g)(ii) to maintain the conduct of public affairs through the protection of Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

Please find the relevant emails attached as Appendix 1. Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the countervailing public interest in releasing information and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



Ruihua Gu  
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**Regulatory Services | Te Pou Whakariterite Ratonga**

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From: s 9(2)(a)  
Sent: Friday, 16 September 2022 3:48 pm  
To: NEAC <NEAC@health.govt.nz>  
Subject: RE: Clarifying closing date for feedback on Ethical guidance for pandemic

Thanks s 9(2)(g)(ii)  
No I didn't receive an update e-mail, so if you can forward it that would be great thanks.  
I will double check spam but I don't think I spotted anything there.  
Noho ora mai  
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From: s 9(2)(g)(ii) On Behalf Of NEAC  
Sent: Friday, 16 September 2022 12:09 pm  
To: s 9(2)(a)  
Subject: Re: Clarifying closing date for feedback on Ethical guidance for pandemic

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Kia ora s 9(2)(a)

Thanks for reaching out, we have extended the closing date to 18 October - we have just sent an email informing our stakeholder list. The email also seeks expressions of interest for participation in online focus groups.

Please let me know if you have not received the email, and I can flick it through to you.

Ngā mihi

s 9(2)(g)(ii)

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From: s 9(2)(a)  
Sent: Friday, 16 September 2022 10:05 am  
To: NEAC <[NEAC@health.govt.nz](mailto:NEAC@health.govt.nz)>  
Subject: Clarifying closing date for feedback on Ethical guidance for pandemic

Kia ora,

In an e-mail we received the closing date for feedback indicates 20 September  
but the website indicates 18 October,  
can you confirm which date is the correct one please -perhaps it has been extended?

Noho ora mai

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