

13 December 2021

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Re Official Information Request for Refrigerated Container Information

I refer to your official information request dated 08 November 2021 for the following information:

Copies of any reports, documents, memoranda, correspondence, legal advice, aide memoires, or emails, both internal and external discussing using refrigerated containers to respond to Covid deaths.

Response

We searched using the following terms:

- mortuary capacity
- mortuary storage
- body storage
- refrigeration
- refrigerated
- fridge

The documents we found that refer to this planning for refrigerated containers were reviewed and the compilation we release to you has had some information redacted because it was either out of the scope of your request or it was staff or other agency staff email addresses and phone numbers. Please see **Attachment 1**.

Note that the Meeting Agenda at page 8 is dated with day and time but not year. We have asked and confirmed that the meeting was held in April 2020. Please also note that modelling for the current outbreak and the positive trajectory of the vaccine rollout suggests that there isn't a need for extra temporary mortuary infrastructure.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive

