

**Subject:** Re: OIA 2024/19: List of COVID-19 Independent Advisory Groups continued  
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Mōrena,

If it works for you, can we add three further questions:

Q3: We understand that on 2 November 2020 a new role was announced in Cabinet – the Minister for COVID-19 Response. Can you provide the paper supporting that decision?

Q4: When did Dr Ayesha Verrall become the Minister for COVID-19 Response? This was likely to be between May/June 2022 (via press releases), but we would prefer a date and a supporting document. A copy of the Cabinet paper would be ideal.

Q5: When was the Minister for COVID-19 Response role disestablished? We assume that was early 2023 (by reviewing press releases), but we would prefer a date and a supporting document.

Many thanks, Wendy

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**From:** Wendy McGuinness <wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org>  
**Date:** Monday, 8 July 2024 at 4:59 PM  
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Kia ora,

**OIA 2024/19: List of COVID-19 Independent Advisory Groups**

We are in the process of updating the second edition of our [COVID-19 Nation Dates](#) book. As part of this process, we would like to include a table on the list of COVID-19 Independent Advisory Groups established to advise Ministers and officials in response to COVID-19. We are adapting a table we found on your website, found [here](#). We want to ensure we have the most up to date and accurate information available before we publish the book in late August.

Q1: Can you provide the name of the author/s to the row 19 May 2022, Agency responses to the CRIAG assurance areas raised during Omicron wave? The link from your table can be found [here](#).

Q2. Can you complete following table and check that the details we have included below are correct? Note: we have included the first few rows as an example. Can add new rows for any other Independent Advisory Groups which we may have missed.

**Table x: List of Independent Advisory Groups**

Name of the Independent Advisory Group	Members (and Chair) [If group members have changed, could you include the duration that they spent with the group? E.g. John Smith (Jul 2020-Jul 2022)]	Date that the Independent Advisory Groups was established	Date that the Independent Advisory Groups was disestablished
COVID-19 Independent	Sir Brian Roche (Chair),	?	?

<b>Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group (CICRIAG)</b>	Rob Fyfe, Dr Debbie Ryan, Professor Phillip Hill & Dr Dale Bramley ?		
<b>Strategic COVID-19 Public Health Advisory Group (SPHAG)</b>	Sir David Skegg (Chair), Maia Brewerton, Philip Hill, Ella Iosua, David Murdoch & Nikki Turner ?	?	30 December 2022?
<b>COVID-19 Modelling Governance Group (CMGG)</b>	Bryan Chapple (Chair), Vince Galvin, Juliet Gerrard, Paul Stocks, Cheryl Barnes, Nick Blakeley & Ian Town ?	?	?
<b>Others?</b>			

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

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**Wendy McGuinness**

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