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Kia ora,

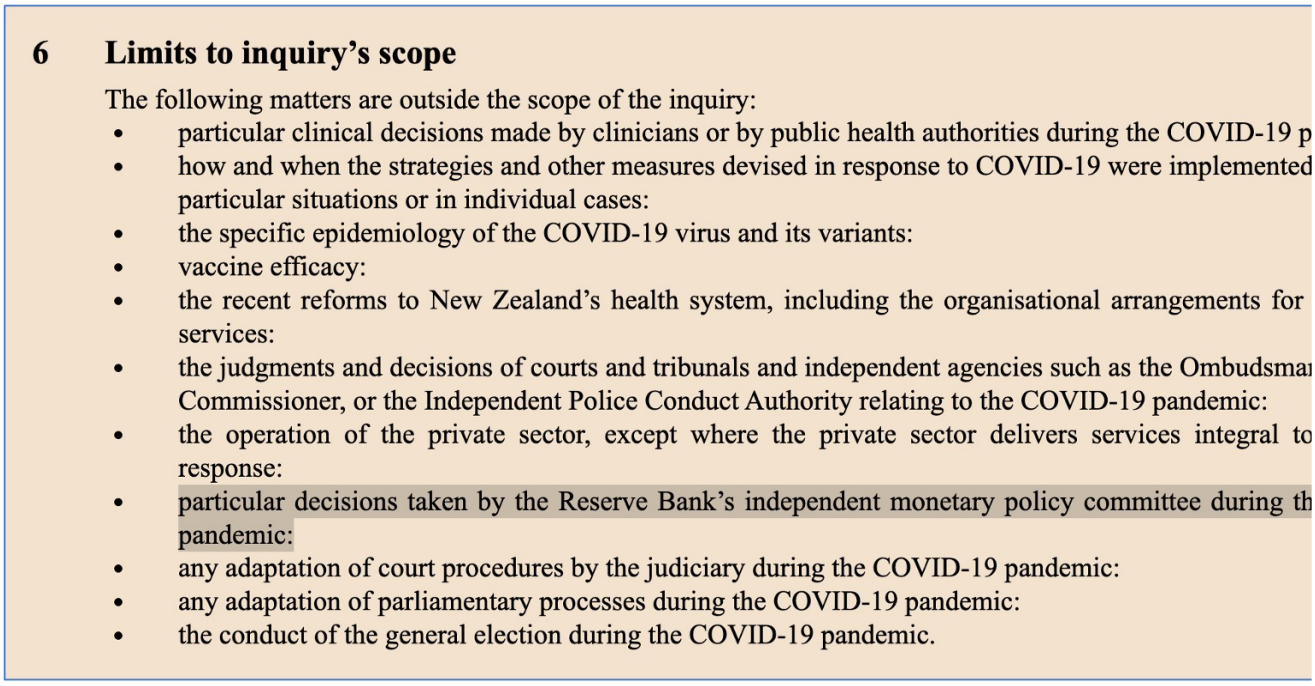
**OIA 2026/04 – Definition of "particular decisions" in Covid-19 Phase Two Inquiry Terms of Reference**

We are reviewing the Covid-19 Phase Two Inquiry Terms of Reference and have some questions.

Q1: Please provide any definition, explanation, or intended meaning of the phrase **"particular decisions"** as used in **section 6 (Limits to the inquiry's scope)** of the Terms of Reference, in relation to the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. This request relates to the following sentence: 'particular decisions taken by the Reserve Bank's independent monetary policy committee during the COVID-19 pandemic.'

Q2: Please provide any documents, briefings, or other material held by the Department of Internal Affairs that explain what types of Reserve Bank decisions are intended to be included or excluded by this wording.

Q3: If no definition or guidance exists, please confirm this.



**6 Limits to inquiry's scope**

The following matters are outside the scope of the inquiry:

- particular clinical decisions made by clinicians or by public health authorities during the COVID-19 p
- how and when the strategies and other measures devised in response to COVID-19 were implemented particular situations or in individual cases:
- the specific epidemiology of the COVID-19 virus and its variants:
- vaccine efficacy:
- the recent reforms to New Zealand's health system, including the organisational arrangements for services:
- the judgments and decisions of courts and tribunals and independent agencies such as the Ombudsma Commissioner, or the Independent Police Conduct Authority relating to the COVID-19 pandemic:
- the operation of the private sector, except where the private sector delivers services integral to response:
- particular decisions taken by the Reserve Bank's independent monetary policy committee during th pandemic:
- any adaptation of court procedures by the judiciary during the COVID-19 pandemic:
- any adaptation of parliamentary processes during the COVID-19 pandemic:
- the conduct of the general election during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please let Arne know if any further clarification is required.

Many thanks,

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