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Dear Ross

**Ref: DOIA 2122-0383**

I refer to your request of 28 July 2021 for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*New Zealand has reportedly purchased 10 million doses of Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine. At an estimated price of \$28 per dose, the cost to New Zealand taxpayers would be in the vicinity of \$280 million. Pfizer's profit is estimated to be \$80 million from sale of the vaccine in New Zealand. Before it agreed to purchase the vaccine, did the New Zealand Government ask Pfizer, or any of its representatives, to pay (either partly or fully) for the cost of treating possible serious side-effects in New Zealand? If so, what was the value of any suggested contribution and what was Pfizer's response?*

Apologies for the delay in responding to your Official Information Act request. Due to an administrative oversight we failed to respond to your Official Information Act request in due time.

New Zealand did not ask Pfizer to pay either partly or fully for the treatment of possible serious side effects from the use of its vaccine in New Zealand.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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