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Ref: PMO 2021-250

Dear Peter Russell

## **Official Information Act request relating to information held by the Government on public perceptions of COVID-19 vaccines' side effects**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 29 September 2021. You requested:

*"Please provide me with copies of any and all advice received by the government regarding how public perception and concerns about potential or actual SARS-Cov-2/COVID-19 "vaccine" related side effects, adverse reactions, injuries and deaths can or should be managed."*

The Ministry of Health publishes information on COVID-19 vaccine research insights regularly, with publications also containing information on public attitudes to COVID-19 vaccines. These can be accessed through the following link:

[www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-strategy-planning-insights/covid-19-vaccine-research-insights](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-strategy-planning-insights/covid-19-vaccine-research-insights)

Accordingly, we have refused your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

Please note that the Prime Minister's Office does not hold any information on public perceptions of COVID-19 vaccines' side effects.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna'.

Raj Nahna  
**Chief of Staff**