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Tēnā koe Chris

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 9 February 2023. You requested:

"The current Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine has 'provisional' approval until 3 November 2023 - Yes - No?

There have been four confirmed deaths from the Covid-19 vaccine - Yes - No?

Despite these deaths the current risk management plan does not identify death as a risk - Yes - No?

The current risk management plan notes there is missing information in pregnancy and breastfeeding - despite this missing information the vaccine was recommended by agencies for pregnant woman? Yes - No?

There have been reports of spontaneous abortion and miscarriage to CARM following administration - Yes - No?

*The four deaths caused by the Covid-19 vaccine have never been discussed / considered by Medicines Adverse Reactions Committee Meeting (MARC)? Yes - No? To put into perspective numerous other Medicines that have caused death have, but not the Covid-19 causality deaths following review of all the meeting minutes as far as I can tell since the roll out. The initial meeting discussing the Covid-19 vaccine quoted by Medsafe that "safety specification for this product is currently inadequate and does not accurately reflect known risks". Despite this information Medsafe allowed this vaccine to be mandated with reliance on "robust post-market" information gathering being of the utmost importance. Knowing that "robust post-market" information was required the regulator Medsafe / Health authorities vaccinated the control group? Yes – No
Therefore there are no data points that can be relied on by the regulator? Yes – No*

There are "15 deaths that could not be assessed due to insufficient information". Despite being a first world country our regulator can approve a medicine but does not then have the ability / tools to determine if the person died of the vaccine. Yes – No

New Zealand suffered 18% excess mortality the year this vaccine was rolled out - Yes - No

There is not one person in any and all of the regulatory authorities that has the ability to

determine if fifteen people (some of these very young) died from a medication that is known to cause death. Doctors, Health Professionals, Medsafe, Ashley Bloomfield, Pfizer representatives, Minister of Health, Coroner, internet searches. So just to confirm - Medsafe can approve a medicine but then don't have the ability to determine if that medicine that they approved killed that person? Yes - No

Can yo also please provide all of the Post Marketing studies provided to Medsafe by Pfizer.

If these are not available can you provide dates these reports were received.

Is Medsafe aware that FDA, CDC and tried to bury trial information and post-marketing Pfizer reports for 75 years - does Medsafe have any inclination as to why this might be? Maybe it is reflective of our current dataset?"

While the Act allows New Zealanders to ask for information from Ministers and government agencies, there is no requirement for agencies to create new information, compile information they do not hold or provide or prove an opinion. Your questions and the statements that support them appear designed to engage in a debate about the Government's COVID-19 vaccination programme, rather than a request for official information. The Act does not support requests where an opinion, comment, argument, or hypothetical statement is put to the Ministry for response, couched as a request for information. Most of your request is therefore refused under section 18(g) on the grounds that it is not held by Manatū Hauora. Moreover, please be advised that using the Act in this manner could be construed as vexatious and result in such requests being refused under section 18(h) of the Act.

You may be interested in the following information relating to your request:

- Information on Approval status of COVID-19 vaccines applications received by Medsafe is publicly available here: www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/status-of-applications.asp#Comirnaty12.
- The summary of reported deaths information here: www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/safety-report-46.asp#death.
- The risk management plan (RPM) is publicly available here: www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/Comirnaty-RMP.pdf.
- COVID-19 vaccine information for people who are pregnant, and breastfeeding is publicly available here: www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-pregnancy-and-breastfeeding.
- A summary of reports is published in the safety report publicly available here: www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/vaccine-report-overview.asp.
- Te Whatu Ora has published information regarding excess mortality in 2020, 2021 and 2022 here: <https://fyi.org.nz/request/20946/response/79785/attach/4/H2022015313%20Response%20Letter.pdf>.
- All deaths suspected to be caused by a COVID-19 vaccine are presented to MARC.
- It is the coroner who determines cause of death.

Studies provided to Medsafe by Pfizer and information about those studies are withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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