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Tēnā koe J Bruning

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 30 March 2023 for information regarding Pfizer post marketing report. You requested

“1. Please confirm the name of the senior official/s, and the name of their department/s whether in the Ministry of Health, or Medsafe, or other; who had primary responsibility for communications with Pfizer during March 1 - June 1 2021, and would be the individual/department who would receive all post-marketing information (as per the Gazette requirement [54]).

54. Provide any reports on efficacy including asymptomatic infection in the vaccinated group, vaccine failure, immunogenicity, efficacy in population subgroups and results from post-marketing studies, within five working days of these being produced.

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Your request is refused under section 9(2)(g)(ii) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment. However, I can confirm that Medsafe is the regulator with whom this information was sent to.

2. Please confirm all dates post-marketing information was sent to the above individual/department during this time period.”

On 26 April 2023, Manatū Hauora contacted you in accordance with section 18B of the Act to advise that your request, as currently worded, covers a very large volume of information and may be refused under section 18(f) as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. I have considered whether charging or extending the time to compile the information would enable us to respond. However, I do not believe it is in the public interest to do so. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. You were given the opportunity to refine the scope of your request in order for Manatū Hauora to provide information you are interested in.

As Manatū Hauora has not received a response from you to date, this part of your request has been refused under section 18(f) of the Act. The Ministry remains open to responding to a manageable request in the future.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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