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Tēnā koe Carl

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00043708

We understand you have recently made two requests under the Official Information Act (the Act) to the Ministry of Health on 8 April 2024 and 21 April 2024 on the same topic, details below. These requests have been transferred to Health New Zealand under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act:

Request one

“Can you please provide all details of what this 'Pilot' was, and what it involved? Who initiated this 'Pilot' and how and when (dates) was this initiated? Please provide all documentation regarding this. Please provide the names of all people involved with this 'Pilot' and the names of all people representing the non-Government companies. Please provide the dates, times and locations of all meetings and those who attended these meetings? Please provide meeting minutes, briefing documents, emails and details of all decisions made and who was involved in the decisions? Please provide what incentives were offered to these non-Government companies for being a part of the 'Pilot'?”

Request two

Would you kindly share the information on exactly which batches and the total number of batches dispatched to each of these workplaces on this workplace pilot program? Please include;

- 1. Which companies received batches of vaccines? and what dates they were received?*
- 2. What addresses and to whom were these batches sent to?*
- 3. What was the expiry dates of these batches and the batch numbers?*
- 4. What health companies / health providers were used to carry out vaccinations in each workplace of businesses involved in the Pilot program?*
- 5. What locations throughout New Zealand were these vaccines given to staff / employees or any other person associated with the companies involved in the Pilot program? and what dates did these vaccinations occur?*
- 6. What were the number of doses administered in the workplaces in New Zealand for each batch (i.e. number of doses administered per manufacturer provided batch identifier).*
- 7. What was the number of doses for each individual workplace site?*
- 8. What financial incentives were given to the businesses where vaccinations were carried out in those businesses workplace sites?*

Response

The pilot initiative referenced in your request was established and managed by the Ministry of Health, prior to the creation of Health New Zealand in July 2022. We are responding to your request as functions in this area were transferred from the Ministry of Health and are now the responsibility of Health New Zealand.

As the initiative was prior to the creation of Health New Zealand, we do not hold any information within scope of your request. To provide you with reasonable assistance, we consulted the Ministry of Health who advised it also does not hold any information in scope of your request.

Further, while Health New Zealand holds information on batch numbers generally, for the above reason we do not hold information related to this pilot program. We are therefore unable to identify the batch numbers associated with it.

Accordingly, the requested information is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as it is not held by Health New Zealand, and we do not believe it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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