



Reference: 20220492

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S Hill  
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Dear S Hill

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act, transferred to the Treasury by Te Whatu Ora on 14 November 2022. You requested:

- 1. At the time of negotiation with Pfizer for the COVID-19 vaccine, was the Minister of Finance aware that Pfizer did NOT test whether the COVID-19 vaccine prevented transmission of the virus before it entered the market?*
- 2. Is the Minister of Finance currently aware that Pfizer did NOT test whether the COVID[1]19 vaccine prevented transmission of the virus before it entered the market?*

I believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected to the functions of the Minister of Finance. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act to transfer your request to Hon Grant Robertson, as the Minister of Finance.

The Minister of Finance has 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Jess Hewat  
**Manager, Health**