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By email: fyi-request-21747-11eb9b3b@requests.fyi.org.nz
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Tēnā koe ASE

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 7 February 2023. You requested:

"I am seeking all information held by The Ministry of Health relating to a temporal correlation between COVID-19 "vaccines" and mortality.

I am seeking all information held by The Ministry of Health relating to any other correlations between COVID-19 "vaccines" and mortality.

I am seeking all information held by The Ministry of Health relating to causality between COVID-19 "vaccines" and mortality.

For clarification, this request includes all information pertaining to the above requests which is, intentionally or otherwise, not being held by The Ministry of Health."

On 10 February 2023 you provided the clarification below:

"To clarify the above referenced pending request: So far as it is practicable, I am seeking information that reveals two categories:

- 1- Ever "vaccinated" against COVID-19, ie treated with a COVID-19 "vaccine" at any point in time*
- 2- Never "vaccinated" against COVID-19, ie not treated with a COVID-19 "vaccine" at any point in time*

If other category designations are used (eg "unvaccinated", "partly vaccinated", "fully vaccinated"), please fully define the meanings of such designations."

Despite your clarification, the information you have requested has not been made with the due particularity required by section 12. Manatū Hauora is unable to respond to your request confidently or comprehensively. Please note that section 12(2) of the Act requires that official information requested shall be specified with due particularity for the requirements of the Act to apply.

In order to provide reasonable assistance, please see below publicly available information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI), which we believe may be the topic you are interested in.

Information concerning mortality in Aotearoa New Zealand can be found below:
www.health.govt.nz/publication/covid-19-mortality-aotearoa-new-zealand-inequities-risk.

This has more information about mortality in New Zealand, COVID-19, and how access to the COVID-19 vaccine provided a 62% reduction in the risk of death during the relevant analysis period (page 4).

Information concerning Medsafe's COVID-19 vaccine safety reports can be found at:
www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/vaccine-report-overview.asp. This provides further information concerning the number and types of AEFI's that have been reported to Medsafe.

Information concerning vaccine-mediated myocarditis death can be found at:
www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/cv-ismb-interim-report-updated-july-2022.pdf. This is a report from the COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board completed in July 2022. On page 21, the Board discusses and considers potential cases where the COVID-19 may have caused a fatal reaction.

Case demographics are available on the Manatū Hauora website at:
www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-case-demographics. On this website you can find breakdowns of COVID-19 hospitalisations, ICU care and deaths by vaccination status.

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



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