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Tēnā koe Mark

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 April 2023. On 8 May 2023 Manatū Hauora contacted you in accordance with section 15A of the act to advise that the due date for your request had been extended for further collation. Each part of your request is responded to below.

1. Can you please advise if Comirnaty has ever been authorised for use to (1) reduce or stop transmission of Covid-19 or (2) protect against the contraction of Covid-19?

If Comirnaty has been authorised for either of these purposes, for the wider population or any specific demographic, please provide copies of:

*Any and all decisions made by the Ministry or Minister granting such authorisation
Any and all recommendations made by the CV TAG, MAAC or any other party relied on by the Minister or Ministry in making that decision, together with copies of the agendas and minutes of the meeting(s) at which such recommendations were made.*

2. Please provide copies of all recommendations made by CV TAG to MAAC, Medsafe, MoH or the Minister to date.

The abovementioned parts of your request are refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the requested information is publicly available. Specifically, please refer to the following links:

- Number indications for Comirnaty: www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/status-of-applications.asp
- Copies of all recommendations made by COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV-TAG): www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/leadership-ministry/expert-groups/covid-19-vaccine-technical-advisory-group-cv-tag

3. Please provide a schedule of all CV TAG meetings to date and agendas and minutes for each.

In regard to the CV-TAG schedule aspect of your request, CV-TAG does not have a set or predefined schedule. CV-TAG meet on an as needed basis, some months CV-TAG meet weekly other times once a month. Manatū Hauora is providing you with a summary of the dates CV-TAG met (please see full list overleaf):

	2021	2022	2023
January		20, 25	
February	4	1, 8, 15	2
March	2, 9, 23	1, 8, 22, 29	
April	13, 27	26	
May	11, 25	10	
June	8, 22, 29	21	
July	6, 13, 20, 27	19	
August	3, 17, 31	16	
September	7, 14, 21	13	
October	5, 19	11	
November	2, 9, 23, 30	8	
December	7, 14	6	

Some CV-TAG Minutes have been previously released and are publicly available on the Manatū Hauora website here: www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h2022017624_response_letter.pdf.

Additionally, Manatū Hauora has identified 47 documents within scope of this part of your request. All documents are itemised in Appendix 1 and copies of the documents are enclosed. Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

Further information regarding the Technical Advisory Group's advice and recommendation on the use of the COVID-19 vaccinations can be found here: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/leadership-ministry/expert-groups/covid-19-vaccine-technical-advisory-group-cv-tag.

4. Please provide a schedule of all MAAC meetings between July 2021 and now and agendas and minutes for each."

This information is publicly available on the Medsafe website here: www.medsafe.govt.nz/committees/maac.asp.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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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Appendix 1: List of documents for release

The following documents are being released with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- Section 9(2)(k) – to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or advantage

#	Date	Document details
1	04 February 2021	Agenda: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group
2	02 March 2021	
3	09 March 2021	
4	23 March 2021	
5	13 April 2021	
6	27 April 2021	
7	11 May 2021	
8	25 May 2021	
9	08 June 2021	
10	22 June 2021	
11	29 June 2021	
12	06 July 2021	
13	13 July 2021	
14	20 July 2021	
15	27 July 2021	
16	03 August 2021	
17	17 August 2021	

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18	31 August 2021	
19	07 September 2021	
20	14 September 2021	
21	21 September 2021	
22	05 October 2021	
23	19 October 2021	
24	02 November 2021	
25	09 November 2021	
26	23 November 2021	
27	30 November 2021	
28	07 December 2021	
29	14 December 2021	
30	20 January 2022	
31	25 January 2022	
32	01 February 2022	
33	08 February 2022	
34	01 March 2022	
35	08 March 2022	
36	22 March 2022	
37	29 March 2022	
38	26 April 2022	
39	24 May 202	
40	21 June 2022	
41	19 July 2022	
42	16 August 2022	
43	13 September 2022	

#	Date	Document details
44	11 October 2022	
45	8 November 2022	
46	6 December 2022	
47	2 February 2023	