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By email: fyi-request-25103-67d68edd@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H2023033865

Tēnā koe,

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health - Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 9 December 2023 for:

“Recently there has been publication of an article detailing so called ribosomal frameshifting in products that incorporate N1-methylpseudouridine into the modified mRNA, e.g. the pfizer covid vaccine.

This concern was raised in 2021 so obviously it is a risk that competent scientists could flag, however it was largely ignored at the time.

Please detail all internal communications around frameshifting as a potential risk, or area of reasonable concern. If it was not considered a potential risk, please detail internal communications that lead to it being dismissed as a risk, and how that conclusion was drawn. “

Your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

Documents relating to the approval of Comirnaty, which may be of interest to you, have been previously released at the following link:

www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h202106950_-_response.pdf.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team [on: oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz).

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', written in a cursive style.

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