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Tēnā koe

Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00035551

Thank you for your email on 10 January 2024, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Please provide all of the unreleased minutes from the Covid Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board (CV-ISMB). Some of the earlier available minutes were available in the link below: <https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/h202200492-documents-redacted.pdf> (although currently only available on the wayback machine)”

This part of your request is refused under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. Please note that the need to protect the privacy of these individuals is not outweighed by the public interest in the release of this information, and this is unlikely to change in future. These particular meetings were held strictly to discuss individual cases, and therefore there is no information that can be released without breaching the privacy of the individuals involved.

All available minutes from these meetings can be found here: <https://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/for-the-health-sector/vaccine-information/vaccine-service-delivery/covid-19-vaccine-delivery/vaccine-strategy-planning-and-insights/who-were-working-with/>

“In that previous partial release of 2021 minutes from the CV-ISMB on page 58 of 87 under the subsection “Update on Rapid Cycle Analysis” it mentions a survival analysis across 10 year age bands and claimed there was “no increased risk in mortality between those vaccinated and not vaccinated. I am requesting those specific documents from the rapid cycle analysis work for the 80-90 and 90+ ages, plus also the same for all other age bands, i.e. 0-10, 10-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-60, 60-70, 70-80. I am also requesting any subsequent reports of that nature”

This information is publicly available in the Medsafe Reports. Medsafe reports #36 to #46 from November 2021 to November 2022 contain the subsequent reports of the information discussed in the referenced CV ISMB meeting. This information can be found under the Observed-versus-expected deaths table in this report. Please refer to <https://www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/vaccine-report-overview.asp>

How to get in touch

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

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As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora 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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