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Tēnā koe Chuck,

Your Official Information Act request, reference H202207158:

Thank you for your email of 30 May 2022 requesting information relating to the COVID-19 Independent Safety and Monitoring Board.

As part of the transformation of the health and disability system reforms, as of 1 July 2022 the functions previously under the Ministry of Health's National Immunisation Programme have now transferred to Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand. As the matters you have raised now fall under the functions of Te Whatu Ora, our agency will respond to your request which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested the following:

All memos formal and informal completed by CV-ISMB and provided to MOH.

On 29 June 2022 Te Whatu Ora extended the time limit to respond to your request to 27 July 2022.

Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand (Te Whatu Ora) has identified twelve documents within scope of your request. All documents are itemised in Appendix 1 and copies of the documents are enclosed. Where information is withheld, this is outlined in the Appendix and noted in the document itself. 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.

The information in Document 10 that has been withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the Act relates to an ongoing coronial inquiry, and is therefore subject to an obligation of confidence where making it available would likely damage the public interest.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. You are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may decide to proactively release a copy of this response on Te Whatu Ora's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Rachel Mackay
Acting Director
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Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	7 May 2021	Memo - COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board update.	Released in full.
2	8 July 2021	Memo - COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board update.	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
3	12 August 2021	Memo - COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board meeting 9 th August 2021 – reported death of concern.	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
4	17 September 2021	Memo - COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board – reported death of concern.	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
5	4 October 2021	Memo - COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board – underreporting in certain populations and communication around post-mortems.	Released in full.
6	11 October 2021	Memo - COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board (CV-ISMB) tenure.	Released in full.
7	12 December 2021	Memo - COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board meeting 8 December 2021 – reported deaths of concern.	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
8	25 February 2022	Memo - COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board Interim Report.	Released in full.
9	25 February 2022	Memo - COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board update	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
10	8 March 2022	Memo - COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board extraordinary meeting – 2 March 2022.	Released with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • section 9(2)(a); and • section 9(2)(ba)(ii) to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely damage the public interest.
11	8 March 2022	Memo - Proactive release of future COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board (CV-ISMB) meeting minutes	Released in full.
12	18 March 2022	Memo - COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board (CV-ISMB) tenure	Released in full.