

Virginia Crawford

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Ref: H202103703

Dear Ms Crawford

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 29 March 2021 for:

*“...the overall New Zealand dollar value of payments made (or to be made) to Pfizer for the supply of 10 million Cominarty vaccines.  
Could you also please let me know the estimated cost (including transport and storage) of administering these vaccines to the population (reportedly five million).”*

All information relating to vaccine purchasing and external organisations utilised in the New Zealand COVID-19 vaccine rollout is withheld in full pursuant to the following sections of the Act:

- Section 9(2)(c), to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health and safety of members of the public,
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii), as its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information and
- Section 9(2)(j), to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations, including commercial and industrial negotiations.

The Ministry is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information under section 9 is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto: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 Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JG', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

Jo Gibbs  
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**COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme, Ministry of Health**