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Tracy Livingston

By email: fyi-request-15191-7ae053d0@requests.fyi.org.nz
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Dear Tracy Livingston

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your follow request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 15 April 2021 for:

“There were 58 conditions on the conditional approval of the Pfizer vaccine for NZ. These included requests for interim reports as follows:

5. Any homology between translated proteins (other than the intended spike protein) and human proteins that may, due to molecular mimicry, potentially cause an autoimmune process should be evaluated. Due date: July 2021. Interim report: March 2021.

DNA, lipid and elemental impurities. Due dates: July 2021; July 2021, Interim: March 2021; July 2021.

28. The in-house controls applied to the raw materials and solvents used should also be detailed, as should the control of any potentially genotoxic contaminants. Due date: July 2021, Interim: February 2021.

Since it is now mid-April I presume Medsafe has those reports. Since New Zealanders lives and health is at stake, I would like copies of those three interim reports, and any others that Medsafe requested, at your earliest convenience.

Information pertaining to your request is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.

For your reference, progress of the conditions on the approval of the Pfizer vaccine will soon be made publicly available on the Medsafe website.

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.

Yours sincerely



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