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Tēnā koe Mr Ross

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 (the Ministry) on 25 June 2021 for:

- “1) Why was there a slow down to vaccinating people (including the NZDF) in the national vaccination programme?*
- 2) Why were all appointment times removed for appointments that had to be rescheduled until after 15th June 2021?*
- 3) How long was the booking system closed for NZDF staff to book an appointment to receive their vaccination?*
- 4) Prior to 15th June 2021, did the NZDF have enough doses to vaccinate all its staff twice, as part of the MOH national vaccination programme?”*

On 1 July 2021, parts two to four of your request were partially transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). You can expect a response to these parts from NZDF in due course.

In response to the first part of your request, NZDF completed their vaccination programme for frontline staff in May. Vaccination for headquarters staff and reserve forces commenced in June. Due to stock constraints, it was agreed to actively manage the stock available for this programme and the NZDF has continued to receive 800 doses per weekly to continue the roll out to headquarters staff and reserves.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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.

Nākū noa, nā



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