

# Office of the Prime Minister

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Tim Benseman

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Ref: PMO 2021-204

Dear Tim Benseman

### Official Information Act request relating to vaccine safety

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 31 August 2021. You requested:

*"Who are your 'advisors' and do they get paid by Pfizer at all? Or is it you being paid by Pfizer?"*

*And finally Jacinda, do you have any evidence your vaccine is safe and effective?"*

I refer to my earlier letter advising that the second part of your request relating to the safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine was transferred to the Ministry of Health.

Regarding the first part of your request, the list of staff advising the Prime Minister include the Government's Chief Science Advisor, staff employed in this Office, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and other public sector agencies. None of the staff providing advice are paid by Pfizer.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna'.

Raj Nahna  
Chief of Staff