

29 September 2021

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By email: fyi-request-16595-76f7964f@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H202111499

Tēnā koe M Bell

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 1 September 2021 for information regarding Dr Bloomfield's statement around the risk of myocarditis after vaccination.

You specifically requested:

"Dr Bloomfield made a statement that the risk of myocarditis after vaccination is alot lower than the risk of myocarditis after being infected with COVID-19.

I would like Dr Bloomfield or the Ministry of Health to please provide the evidence, facts and scientific data used to make this claim."

On 17 September 2021, we contacted you to clarify your request. You clarified the statement you are referring to was made on 30 August 2021.

Please be advised the above-mentioned statement was made by the Prime Minister, it was not made by the Director-General of Health, Dr Bloomfield. Therefore, the Ministry is unable to provide an answer to 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.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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