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Tēnā koe Chris

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

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) and follow up emails on 5 October 2021 and 4 November 2021 for:

*"I formally request under the Official Information Act 1982 that I receive a copy of the Pfizer agreement with the New Zealand Government."*

*"I acknowledge your reason regarding commercial sensitivity and would like in a Ministry of Health Letter addressed to me stating this position."*

The Ministry is unable to provide you with a copy of the Pfizer contract due to commercial sensitivity. Therefore, your request is withheld under the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- Section 9(2)(b)(ii) as its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.
- Section 9(2)(ba)(ii) to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely damage the public interest.

Although the Ministry appreciates the high degree of public interest in its vaccination programme and the Pfizer vaccine, this does not outweigh the need to protect the commercial sensitivity of the information in the agreement.

There is a large amount of information publicly available about the vaccine, including on the Medsafe website here: [www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/medicine-approval-process.asp](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/medicine-approval-process.asp).

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@ombudmsan.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudmsan.parliament.nz) or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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