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Tēnā koe Paul

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 9 October 2021 for information regarding the immunisation subsidy for General Practitioners (GPs) who administer vaccines to eligible patients. I will respond to each part of your request in turn:

"1) The dollar amount each GP receives per subsidy claim for a patient's single visit. If there are different amounts for each "vaccine code" or "claim code" then provide a breakdown for each.

GPs are funded for administering vaccines scheduled in the Primary Health Organisation (PHO) Services agreement, the contract between district health boards (DHBs) and PHOs. The specific vaccines funded under the PHO Services Agreement are as follows;

- Vaccines listed in the National Immunisation Schedule
- Influenza Vaccine
- Hepatitis B vaccine, and
- Zosters Vaccines

The Ministry has interpreted your request as funding general practices receive per dose for administering the vaccines scheduled in the PHO Services Agreement. SCHEDULE F1.3 (page 105) in the PHO Services Agreement outlines the payments for immunisation services: <https://tas.health.nz/assets/Primary-Care/PHO-Services-Agreement-Version-6.3-1-July-2021.pdf>.

2) Provide a total dollar amount claimed by all GP's nationwide for each year, for the past 10 years (2011-2021).

The Ministry has provided a breakdown of the amounts claimed by GP's for administering vaccines scheduled in the PHO Services agreement between 2016 and 2020. This data is attached as Appendix 1.

Please note, the Ministry does not have access to data prior to 2016. Data has been extracted by calendar of the claim receipt for all approved claims and accepted claim items with a payment value greater than \$0. All amounts are GST exclusive. Immunisation payments are broken down to Claim Code level for individual visits to the doctor (VISITS). The Ministry also does not hold data broken down by individual vaccine codes and are not able to provide claiming information for identifiable practitioners. Data excludes all COVID-19 related immunisation volumes and expenses.

3) The above URL is with respect to the National Immunisation Register and the "traditional" vaccines. With concern to the Covid/Pfizer vaccines, what dollar amount is paid out as a subsidy for each dose administered."

The amount a GP and pharmacy receive per dose of the Pfizer vaccine is as follows:

COVID-19 GP and Pharmacy Vaccination per dose	\$36.05 ex GST
COVID-19 GP and Pharmacy Vaccination-Out of Hours per dose	\$48.72 ex GST

I trust this 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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā



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