

# Office of the Prime Minister

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Ref: PMO 2021-291

Dear Dr Andreas Kempa-Liehr

### Official Information Act request relating to Vaccine Safety Questions

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

*"How many people need to suffer from severe adverse reactions after receiving the Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine, such that the vaccine is considered unsafe?"*

*How many women need to lose their babies after receiving the Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine, such that the vaccine is considered unsafe for pregnant women?"*

*How many people need to die after receiving the Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine, such that the vaccine is considered unsafe?"*

We believe that the questions you raise appear to be seeking views or opinions rather than official information likely to be held by the Prime Minister's office. Therefore, we consider that your request is not considered "official information" as defined in section 2 of the Act. As such, your request has been refused under section 18(g) of the Act.

The COVID-19 vaccination programme is the Government's key response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's our best defence against COVID-19. By getting vaccinated, people are protecting themselves, their whānau, and playing their part in protecting New Zealand. You may wish to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines by visiting [www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines).

Documents relating to the Government's decision about its response to COVID-19 is available publicly at [www.covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/proactive-releases/](http://www.covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/proactive-releases/).

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

Yours sincerely

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Chief of Staff