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By email: fyi-request-17581-4eafb7dc@requests.fyi.org.nz
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Tēnā koe Maxwell

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 15 November 2021 for:

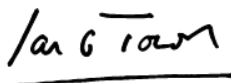
*“... correspondence between the COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board (CV ISMB) and the COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CV TAG) since Wednesday 1st September 2021?
- Current and historic safety reports
- Current and historic safety evaluations
- Current and historic adverse reaction reports”*

The Ministry has searched its records and has not identified any communications of this nature between CV-ISMB and CV TAG since Wednesday 1 September 2021. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

However, I can confirm that the Chair of CV-ISMB, Dr John Tait, has been attending CV TAG meetings since mid-August. Likewise, a Science Technical Advisory member, representing myself as the Chair of CV TAG, has been attending CV-ISMB meetings, as such they are mutually across all work being undertaken.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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