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Dear Chuck

Request for Information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 3 March 2022, in which you asked for information regarding the COVID-19 Public Health response (Specified Work Vaccination) Order 2021. You requested the following:

any and all correspondence sought by the Police and Defence to either MOH or Government or any other agency for mandating vaccines including but not limited to

- email Correspondence
- cost/benefit analysis
- legal justification
- feedback from Police staff
- recommendation reporting
- names of people involved
- texts, call's anything that fit this scope

As part of this can you also provide feedback on the following from an in house Police survey

- %/total staff who willingly took vaccine
- %/total staff who took vaccine because they were mandated/blackmailed to get it
- %/total staff who left
- total number of any vaccine injuries

Please also provide any and all correspondence/collaboration with Defence. I am also sending this to Defence.

On 8 March 2022 you refined your request as follows:

I am specifically asking for information relating to when the NZ Police in conjunction with Defence asked the Government to mandate the vaccination for their staff - who was the person at NZ Police that approached any agency to mandate the vaccination for NZ Police staff.

I am not sure what dates are involved - but the PM stated that Police and Defence approached the government - so who approached the government and what the initial request to government looked like when the Police approached the government and asked them to mandate it.

One briefing to the Minister was found to be in scope of your request, therefore this part of your request has been transferred to the Minister of Police and he will respond to you directly.

Development of the Cabinet paper *Requiring COVID-19 vaccination for work through Government mandates and employer decisions* was led by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. This Cabinet paper has been proactively released and is available at:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/19935-requiring-covid-19-vaccination-for-work-through-government-mandates-and-employer-requirements-proactiverelease-pdf>

In response to your request for data, while Police has not carried out an 'in house survey' however I can confirm that as at the date of your request our staff notified us:

- *%/total staff who willingly took vaccine*

14,636 staff (97.5 percent) had received two vaccination doses against COVID-19.

- *%/total staff who took vaccine because they were mandated/blackmailed to get it*

Three staff had notified Police that the Health Orders were the reason that they got vaccinated.

- *%/total staff who left*

On 29 March 2022, Police provided a response to your request of 11 February 2022 for '*total resignations 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date*'. Police provided you with the numbers of staff resignations for the calendar years 2019 to 2021, and up to 15 February 2022. I have therefore interpreted this part of your request to be for further numbers of resignations.

Between 16 February and the date of your request, a further 36 people resigned from Police. Please note that staff resign for a number of reasons (ie: change of direction, health reasons, etc) and these resignations are not necessarily be attributed to the Health Orders.

- *total number of any vaccine injuries*

Police is not aware of any staff reactions that have been attributed to the COVID-19 vaccine by a medical professional.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Le Prou'.

Russell Le Prou
Director Covid Resilience
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