



133 Molesworth Street  
PO Box 5013  
Wellington 6140  
New Zealand  
T+64 4 496 2000

14 September 2022

Athina Andonatonou

By email: [fyi-request-20257-b217e492@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-20257-b217e492@requests.fyi.org.nz)  
Ref: H2022010475

Tēnā koe Athina

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 17 August 2022. You requested:

*Is the Ministry looking at purchasing COVID-19 vaccine made by Moderna that targets two coronavirus variants (known as a “bivalent” vaccine)? If yes, please provide me with the following documents:*

- 1) How many doses have been ordered?*
- 2) Cost per dose?*
- 3) Scientific studies used to support purchase?*

Manatū Hauora does not have an existing agreement with Moderna for the supply of COVID-19 vaccines. The agreements that the Ministry holds are outlined here:

[www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccines-available-new-zealand/covid-19-purchasing-vaccines](http://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccines-available-new-zealand/covid-19-purchasing-vaccines).

Manatū Hauora continues to monitor the evidence and developments occurring in the vaccine landscape to ensure New Zealanders have timely access to the best protection from COVID-19. From 1 July 2022 any new COVID-19 vaccine purchases are managed by PHARMAC.

I trust this information 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](mailto: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 Manatū Hauora website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



Steve Waldegrave  
Associate Deputy Director-General  
Strategy Policy and Legislation