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Ref: H2022011331

Dear Jai,

### **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 29 August 2022 for:

*Please provide the safety and efficacy evidence submitted by Pfizer while seeking approval for 6-month-olds to get the Pfizer covid vaccine.*

*As far as I know, the CDC says there is no difference between the two groups anymore and as evidenced by the 1000's of 'rare' 'breakthrough' infections, the adult version does not work. If NZ didn't pause reporting on all cause mortality and % of hospitalised from the two groups, we may see what other countries are seeing when it comes to escaped variants, increased all cause mortality not caused by global warming.*

*The safety trials for adults were shocking enough that I doubt more care has been taken for the younger age group. Also, the EUA formulation is confirmed by US courts to not be the same as the formulation being rolled out - why the bait and switch? What is the risk calculation for 6mth olds? What is their rate of hospitalisation or serious illness when it comes to exclusively caused by Covid?*

The Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech) COVID-19 vaccination for 6-month-olds to 4-year-olds is currently under assessment by Medsafe. Manatū Hauora is not able to comment on the safety or efficacy of the vaccine until the assessment is completed. Additionally, this information is commercially sensitive and therefore, your request is refused under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.

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 Ministry 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).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', written in a cursive style.

Chris James  
**Group Manager**  
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