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Dear Jai Ganesh

**Official Information Act request for evidence relating to the document: COVID-19 Communications approach for COVID-19 disinformation, online harms, and scams**

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 22 November 2022. You requested:

*“Could you please provide evidence used to support the production of this document:*

*<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffyi.org.nz%2Frequest%2F20984%2Fresponse%2F79271%2Fattach%2Fhtml%2F4%2Frelease%2520document.pdf.html&data=05%7C01%7Cinformation%40dpmc.govt.nz%7Cde5fedde52a1444407bb08dacbbe3ab6%7Ceea6053309ef4b7a94060f38551cc613%7C0%7C0%7C638046316053476189%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=o76JNO2JQ7B9iYkebwU%2Bc3SkDou%2FFEo2O1KAqWB5ZKM%3D&reserved=0>*

*In particular that the following are true:*

*Covid was not manufactured in a lab  
The benefits of the Pfizer vaccine for children outweigh the risks for them The media is independent and trustworthy The vaccine has no side effects That these were all scientifically studied and proven ”*

I believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry of Health. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to the Ministry of Health.

The Ministry of Health has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Amy Teague  
**Manager Ministerial Services**