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Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into the Terrorist Attack on the Christchurch Mosques

26 January 2023

Michael Bryant

By email: fyi-request-21346-454894ec@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: ALOIA299

Dear Michael,

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 7 December 2022 for information about the COVID-19 vaccine. You requested:

"My request pertains to the information provided in this article from both parties involved, from when the first claim is stated and the counter argument is offered through to the end. I am particularly interested in knowing how many of the counter claims have held up over time and are still accepted as factual at present, and how many were later found out to be incorrect or false, weather that be from New data becoming available over time, further studies being published, whistle blowers releasing information, proceedings in the USA congress or Senate that have led to revelations, People retracting statements made previously, official data provided by government entities or any other method. I expect that all information provided to the public in this article, and the sources linked throughout are investigated thoroughly and any discrepancies are highlighted and the new understanding of what is correct or true for each particular piece is provided. I understand that this is a lot of data and information to check so I thank you and your team in advance for the work needed to get this done."

While the Act allows New Zealanders to ask Ministers and government agencies for information, there is no requirement under the Act for agencies to create new information, compile information they do not hold, respond to hypothetical questions or, as in this case, provide or prove an opinion.

I refer you to the publicly available information provided in the Newshub article which can be found on the following links below:

- www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/covid-19-testing/covid-19-test-results-and-their-accuracy.
- www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h202100070_26_jan_2021_covid-19_cycle_threshold_value_for_pcr_testing_0.pdf.

Further information on COVID-19 can also be found at: www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-science-news.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Little". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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