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R Bailey

By email: [fyi-request-21483-c195d388@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-21483-c195d388@requests.fyi.org.nz)  
Ref: H2022018937

Dear R Bailey

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 22 December 2022 for:

*“Please send a list of all documents provided by Pfizer  
- as part of the official COVID vaccine approval process  
- post approval safety monitoring  
Ideally the document title (or filename) and date received.”*

The information you have requested is withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 9(2)(b)(ii) as its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.
- Section 9(2)(ba)(ii) to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely damage the public interest.

Although Manatū Hauora appreciates the high degree of public interest in its vaccination programme and the Pfizer vaccine, this does not outweigh the need to protect the commercial sensitivity of the information.

There is a large amount of information publicly available about the vaccine, including on the Medsafe website here: [www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/medicine-approval-process.asp](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/medicine-approval-process.asp)

Manatū Hauora regularly publishes responses to OIA requests. Previous OIA responses about the COVID-19 vaccine are publicly available at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests?year=2023](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests?year=2023).

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).

Yours sincerely

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

Chris James  
**Group Manager**  
**Medsafe**