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Tēnā koe J Bruning

### **Partial transfer of 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 13 March 2023. In part of your request, you asked :

*“Please supply urgently, between 27 February 2021 and 9 March 2021 the following information:*

*[a] All discussions via WhatsApp, Signal, Messenger, private email, Parliamentary or political party email by officials, including Ministers and the Director General of Health discussing Pfizer, BioNTech, the post-marketing report, FDA, deaths and adverse events.*

Manatū Hauora does not hold any information relating to this part of your request; however, I have been advised that this information is held by Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer this part of your request to Te Whatu Ora under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect a response from their agency in due course.

The Ministry will respond to the remaining parts of 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.

Nāku noa, na



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## COPY OF OIA REQUEST

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[a] All discussions via WhatsApp, Signal, Messenger, private email, Parliamentary or political party email by officials, including Ministers and the Director General of Health discussing Pfizer, BioNTech, the post-marketing report, FDA, deaths and adverse events.

[b] All reports, releases, memos, advice discussing and/or reviewing the implications of, contents, evidence in the post-marketing report supplied as a requirement in the Gazette conditions, and taking all steps to reasonably consider the harm profile to the population who were not at risk of hospitalisation or death from COVID-19 (required by Health Act, Part3A, s.92, Overarching Principles). This includes the risk to pregnant women, young people and children.

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This cohort [group 4], 2 million people, were targeted by the Minister for COVID-19 to be injected from July 2021. General civil society would be required to be injected to work, to access services and public facilities. Therefore, it would be expected that a risk-benefit analyses for these individuals would be undertaken so as to protect public health, as required by the overarching legislation.

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[c] All discussions via WhatsApp, Signal, Messenger, private email, Parliamentary or political party email sent by officials, including Ministers and the Director General of Health planning and discussing the signing of the second agreement.”