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Tēnā koe,

### **Official information request HN200034367**

Thank you for your email on 11 December 2023, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

*This request is directed specifically toward CE Margie Apa Talofa lava Margie, Earlier this month you have made definitive statements about the claims of the vaccine data whistleblower, such as these below...*

*"What he is claiming is completely wrong and ill-informed and his comments demonstrate this,"*

*"Basically that he had information that suggested there were excess mortalities due to the Covid vaccine that were not reported, and purported to have made connections to data that proved that, which is not true."*

*"The misinformation about vaccines that has been put in the public arena in relation to our data is completely wrong."*

*Can you please provide the supporting evidence that you used to make the definitive statements that the claims of the whistleblower are "completely wrong", "ill formed", "not true" etc Faafetai tele lava, M Bell*

### **Response**

Supporting evidence is provided to Margie Apa from reliable resources such as the COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group which provided science advice and recommendations on the use of the COVID-19 vaccination. The list of professionals who made up the technical advisory group are listed in the link below. Despite the CV TAG now being disestablished these professionals are still available for updated advice and discussion as required.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group \(CV TAG\) – Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand](#)

There have also been several studies that have consistently shown that New Zealand had one of the lowest, if not the lowest, excess mortality and COVID-19 death rates in the world.

<https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/cumulative-excess-deaths-covid>

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Nāku iti noa, nā



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