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By email: fyi-request-25807-05bbb521@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H2024036730

Tēnā koe Catherine

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 27 February 2024 for information regarding the transfer of your previous request (H2024036437 refers). You requested:

“Can you please provide all documents and correspondence pertaining to Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora’s ability to answer the question contained within.”

Please find attached the email correspondence between the Ministry and Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand regarding the transfer of your previous request. This has been released to you in full.

Please note as part of the health and disability system reforms, as of 1 July 2022 functions regarding COVID-19 vaccine batches that were previously under the Ministry have transferred to Te Whatu Ora. As such your request was transferred under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



Jan Torres

Manager, OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

From: Stephen Patterson <Stephen.Patterson@health.govt.nz> on behalf of hnzOIA <hnzOIA@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 22 February 2024 3:34 pm
To: mohoia
Subject: FW: Official Information request - Covid Vaccines Administered per Batch

Hey Team

Can you please attach transfer to this email chain.

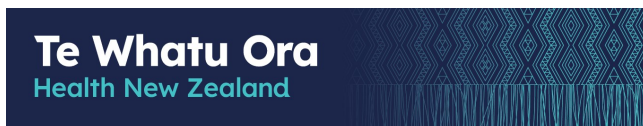
Ngā mihi

Stephen Patterson (he/him)

Ministerial Coordinator

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Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand
TeWhatuOra.govt.nz

From: NPHS - Machinery of Government Support <NPHS-MoG@TeWhatuOra.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 22 February 2024 11:19 am
To: hnzOIA <hnzOIA@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Official Information request - Covid Vaccines Administered per Batch

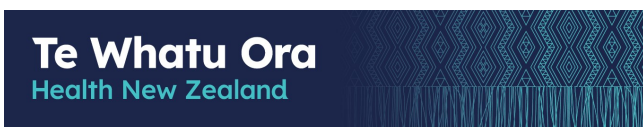
Hello team,
HNZ could accept the transfer, however we'd stand by our decision to 18 it.

Cheers
Sara

Sara Freitag

Manager Advisory Support

Office of the National Director - NPHS



From: Sara Freitag <Sara.Freitag@health.govt.nz> **On Behalf Of** National Public Health Service
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 11:49 AM
To: NPHS - Machinery of Government Support <NPHS-MoG@TeWhatuOra.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: Official Information request - Covid Vaccines Administered per Batch

From: Stephen Patterson <Stephen.Patterson@health.govt.nz> on behalf of hnzOIA <hnzOIA@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 21 February 2024 9:44 am
To: National Public Health Service <NPHS@health.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Official Information request - Covid Vaccines Administered per Batch

Hey Team,

Would the below sit with you.

Can you please let me know so I can organise transfer.

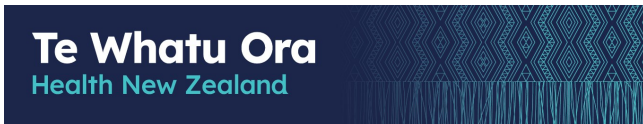
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Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand
TeWhatuOra.govt.nz

From: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 21 February 2024 9:25 am
To: hnzOIA <hnzOIA@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: Official Information request - Covid Vaccines Administered per Batch

Kia ora team

Can you please advise if you can accept transfer of the below?

Ngā mihi

Sarah

OIA Services Team

Manatū Hauora | Ministry of Health



From: Catherine Jamieson <fyi-request-25807-05bbb521@requests.fyi.org.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 21 February 2024 08:46
To: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Official Information request - Covid Vaccines Administered per Batch

Dear Ministry of Health,

I write because the Ministry of Health regulates and monitors the health system to ensure it performs well and delivers better health outcomes for everyone. <https://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/what-we-do>

The response to a request for number of doses administered in New Zealand for each batch follows (6 October 2023 to T Lee HNZ00025554 and HNZ00025920):

'We have assessed what would be involved in creating this information and our initial review has identified that there is significant human error in the data input, which would prevent us from providing a complete dataset in response your request. To create a partial response would require Te Whatu Ora to divert personnel from their core duties and allocate extra time to complete this task. The diversion of these resources would impair Te Whatu Ora's ability to carry out our other core functions. As such, your request for this information is declined under 18(e) and 18(f), being that parts of the information does not exist and to provide the remaining information would require substantial collation. I have considered whether fixing a charge for the supply of the information or extending the timeframe for response would enable Te Whatu Ora to respond. I do not consider that either option would remove the impact that supplying the information would have on our other operations. '

H202200092 indicates that the Ministry of Health analysts would have access to this information in that it is stated the Ministry has robust systems in place for monitoring adverse events following immunisation (AEFIs). Without number of doses administered per batch, any investigation of issues within a specific batch would not be robust.

Please provide the number of doses of Covid vaccines administered per batch (i.e. number of doses administered per manufacturer provided batch identifier).

In the event that Ministry of Health deems to transfer this request to another agency please clearly state the reason for the referral and provide proof or detailed reasoning that the alternative entity can answer the OIA in the required statutory timeframe.

Yours faithfully,

Catherine Jamieson

This is an Official Information request made via the FYI website.

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:
fyi-request-25807-05bbb521@requests.fyi.org.nz

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