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Tēnā koe Erika

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00063813

Thank you for your request of 4 September 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I refer you to a recent response to information on a Pilot vaccination program in workplaces here (HNZ00049846 on FYI).

- 1. Which companies made expressions of interest.*
- 2. Which companies were accepted.*
- 3. Please share the "sign up" form or any other agreement/ contract with Te Whatu Ora or the MoH that companies signed in order to participate in this particular pilot program.*
- 4. Please share any financial incentives*
- 5. Please share any agreed dosage dispatch agreements and dispatch schedule and batch expiry dates.*

Response

For ease of reference, I have responded to each of your questions in turn:

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The pilot programme in question was managed by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry), prior to the establishment of Health NZ. While Health NZ now 'owns' your request on the basis that this subject area is now more closely connected to our functions, because the pilot was overseen by the Ministry at that time (back in 2021), we still do not hold any information within scope.

However, to provide you with reasonable assistance, we have consulted our Ministry colleagues, who offered to undertake an IT search of their systems to locate anything that may be in scope. Their search using keyword(s) including but not limited to "COVID-19 vaccination workplace programme" and "COVID-19 workplace vaccination" previously identified over 7,500 results.

Filtering through this number of results would require Health NZ to divert personnel from their core duties and allocate extra time to review all this material. This diversion of these resources would impair their ability to carry out other core functions. For this reason, Health NZ is refusing this information under section 18(f) of the Act, as it involves substantial collation and research.

We have considered whether fixing a charge for the supply of the information or extending the timeframe for response would enable us to respond, but we do not consider that either option would remove the impact that supplying the information would have on Health NZ's other operations.

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Companies accepted for the workplace vaccination pilot programme were Fonterra, Mainfreight, The Warehouse, and Fisher & Paykel Healthcare. Attached as **Appendix 1** are the Readiness Letters sent to each company; these letters are released to you in full.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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