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### **Request to prioritise requests for official information**

I refer to your requests under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora.

The Ministry responds to all official information requests made in good faith in accordance with the requirements of the Act. Our organisation values the importance of transparency and accountability and remain committed to fulfilling our obligations under the Act.

According to our records, you currently have five active requests, most of which were submitted within a short period of time. You will appreciate that considerable resources, often from the same area within the Ministry, are required to respond to your range of requests.

For the following requests, we are asking you to prioritise which are of most interest to you and/or narrow the scope of your requests. This will allow us to reasonably respond to you without placing an unreasonable degree of strain on the teams and interfering with the day-to-day workings of the Ministry.

Please note, the Ministry will be considering charging you in line with our charging policy, extending the time to respond to your requests, or refusing your requests in accordance with section 18(f) of the Act. The Ministry's charging policy can be found here: [www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/oia-charging-policy.pdf](http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/oia-charging-policy.pdf)

The requests we are asking you to prioritise are outlined in Appendix 1.

We appreciate your understanding during this period. If you have any queries or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us ([oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz)).

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to review this decision.

Nāku noa, nā



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## Appendix 1 – List of official information requests for consideration

#	Reference #	Requested information
1	H2025059478	<p>OIA20210033 contains an In-confidence Aide Memoire where paragraph 29 reads:</p> <p>'There will be various options available to mitigate risk in each agreement, ultimately including a decision not to rollout a vaccine for which we have limited confidence in its safety. There are also likely to be opportunities for waivers and consent forms, and for monitoring the impacts of a vaccine's administration with the ability to pull the vaccine quickly. MBIE will provide further detail on mitigation options available in submitted business cases.'</p> <p>Please provide any documentation, including submitted business cases, that discussed:</p> <p>i) a decision not to rollout a Covid vaccine for which their was limited confidence in its safety; and            ii) ability to pull the Covid vaccines, in what circumstances that would occur and what group or role would have that power.</p>
2	H2025060090	<p>Please specify for each company New Zealand has Advance Purchase Agreements to purchase Covid-19 vaccines:</p> <p>i)The date the initial APA was signed and for how many doses of each vaccine; and            ii)The date any further APAs were signed or the initial APA was amended and for how many doses APA/amendment            For each of i) and ii) above please specify whether the APA/amendment was structured as an option or an obligation to buy that number of doses. Please also make clear in relation to Pfizer BioNTech products the vaccine type (eg adult monovalent purple cap, Adult monovalent grey cap, paediatric, infant, Bivalent, XBB)".</p>
3	H2025061258	<p>Please provide documents and correspondence regarding Covid 19 vaccines that discuss serialisation/serialization including but not limited to any definitions or interpretations of serialisation/serialization</p>
4	H2025059383	<p>Thank you for the response H2024046068.</p> <p>Is the contracted freight forwarder that is referred to in this response Kuehne and Nagel? Please confirm if that is the case. If there are multiple contracted freight forwarders transporting Covid vaccines from New Zealand to the Pacific Islands please list them all.</p> <p>Does 'global mechanisms' refer solely to Covax or are there other mechanisms? To what countries has New Zealand donated Covid vaccines to through global mechanisms?</p> <p>Has New Zealand has donated Pfizer Covid vaccines through the global mechanisms referred to in H2024046068 or just other COVID-19 vaccines products? If so please provide the number of Pfizer doses by vaccine type (eg adult monovalent purple cap, adult monovalent grey cap, bivalent, paediatric, infant) that have been donated through a global mechanism.</p>

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		<p>Where New Zealand donates Covid vaccines through global mechanisms, does any of the inventory hail from vaccines that have previously been receipted into New Zealand and not used in New Zealand? Or have all vaccines donated through the global mechanisms gone directly to the donee country without being receipted into New Zealand?</p> <p>If the answer to the first question in the above paragraph is yes with regard to Pfizer vaccines, please provide by batch the number of doses donated through global mechanisms from Pfizer vaccines receipted into New Zealand.</p> <p>Please provide any relevant indemnities New Zealand is party to with regard to both bilateral donations and donations through global mechanisms.</p>
5	H2025059368	<p>Were the final Clinical Study reports for C4591007 received by Medsafe or the Ministry of Health as required by provisional consent conditions for various presentations of Covid-19 vaccines?</p> <p>If so what date were they received?</p>