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Dear Colin

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 22 January 2025. You requested:

- 1. How many fines were issued by Worksafe to Department of Corrections workplaces, for staff being onsite after 22 Nov 2021, and not fully vaccinated against Covid-19?*
- 2. Of these fines, how many were successfully collected by Worksafe?*
- 3. How many of these fines, subsequently went off to the MoJ to be collected?*

Response

WorkSafe inspectors were authorised as enforcement officers under the COVID legislation and given responsibility for the enforcement of work-related requirements.

This included the ability to issue infringement notices (sometimes known as 'on the spot fines') under the various versions of the *COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021*.

Department of Corrections staff were subject to this Order, so we have interpreted your request as referring to any infringement notices issued.

I can confirm that WorkSafe did not issue any infringement notices under regulation 7 or 8 of the *COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021* to Department of Corrections workplaces or workers after 22 November 2021. As no notices were issued, there were no fees to be collected by either WorkSafe or the Ministry of Justice.

As such, I have refused your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act, as the information does not exist.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision, and further information is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you require further assistance, please contact ministerial.services@worksafe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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