



2 October 2023



Ref: OIA-2023/24-0175

Dear 

**Official Information Act request relating to advice to Cabinet and/or Dr Ashley Bloomfield**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 8 September 2023. You requested:

*"Please provide under the OIA copies of all advice to Cabinet and/ or Ashley Bloomfield ( whether electronic, written, given orally by What's Ap or any other means:*

- 1) where these or any similar concerns were raised and/ or addressed*
- 2) where any of the post PfizerVax deaths or their implications were considered*
- 3) where the risks of inconsistencies between risks and uncertainties from the PfizerVax and Unite Against Covid messaging were considered*
- 4) where tasks were allocated by any responsible Minister or Cabinet to any person to assess any such apparent inconsistency and identify possible solutions.*

*5) Please also provide any information or advice to any member of Cabinet and/ or Ashley Bloomfield about matters raised in the Nga Kaitiaki Tuku Iho Medical Society Vaccine challenge [2021] NZHC 1107 which was heard by Ellis J in May 2021. Please include advice regarding these risks but prior to and after thIs High Court decision and any information which helps explain why David Parker told members of Parliament it was a "technical change," when in fact every member of Cabinet and of Parliament was on notice that this retrospective amendment of s23 exposed millions of people to a vaccine that had only provisional consent and when the NZ regulator Medsafe had advised it was not satisfied benefits exceeded the risks.*

*6) Please provide any available nformation to show why the former and current NZ Prime Ministers and Ministers of Health and other representatives of the NZ government claimed and continued to claim concerns and questions about the safety and/or effectiveness of the PfizerVax were "misinformation" or "disinformation" when in fact the manufacturer itself shared similar concerns about lack of safety and effectiveness.*

*7) please also provide information to show how with all the available advice, committees and consultants the public was not warned much earlier about the risks and uncertainties of the PfizerVax and it's novel mRNA technology, especially as it was obvious before the Vax was rolled out in NZ that COVID was not a risk for young or healthy New Zealanders or those who were already immune, and when the messaging, harassment , discrimination and coercion undermined well established requirements for informed consent.*

*[https://healthjusticeinitiative.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/OCRPfizer-1\\_Redacted.pdf](https://healthjusticeinitiative.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/OCRPfizer-1_Redacted.pdf)*

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) has provided numerous responses to your requests regarding COVID-19 vaccine safety and efficacy; most recently as follows:

Reference number	Date of request made to DPMC or PMO	Title of request
OIA-2022/23-0929	18 May 2023	Payments for COVID-19 vaccines.
OIA-2023/24-0010	8 July 2023	Concerns regarding the Pfizer vaccine.
OIA-2023/24-0080	1 August 2023	Additional concerns regarding the Pfizer vaccine.

As previously advised, the Ministry of Health (MoH) was the lead agency in relation to vaccine safety. The COVID-19 Group within DPMC did not provide advice on vaccine safety; therefore, the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of the MoH and Medsafe. We would typically transfer your request, however, we note that you have made this request to MOH and the Minister of Health.

In light of your prior requests on this same matter and our responses to those, I have decided to refuse your request under section 18(h) of the Act on the basis that the request is frivolous or vexatious. I have not reached this decision lightly and note that multiple requests for the same information may be considered frivolous and vexatious.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely,



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