



31 January 2024



Ref: OIA-2023/24-0405

Dear 

Official Information Act request for information relating to the Pfizer vaccine and informed consent to medical treatment

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 11 January 2024. You requested:

Dear Diana , Chris, Ministry of Health and Dept PM and Cabinet,

- 1. Please provide information to show when the former Prime Ministers Ardern and Hipkins and former Ministers of Health, Minister of COVID response and Cabinet were first advised of any NZ death that was or may have been attributed to the PfizerVax.*
- 2. Please also provide copies of any advice given to any current or former Prime Minister or Minister on protections offered by the NZ Bill of Rights, International covenant on civil and political rights and/ Health and Disabilities Code/ informed consent, including the right to life, right to decline medical treatment and right not to be subjected to medical or scientific experimentation and how these rights should be provided for once it was established that the PfizerVax could cause death or serious injury .*
- 3. Please include any advice provided by or received by the Ministry of health about how the fundamental rights could be reconciled with No Jab No Job mandates and with the Traffic light system that operated over the summer of 2021-22.*
- 4. Please include advice to show who was the instigator/s of the various mandates ie was it the former DG or was it an elected representative, and if so who, and why.*
- 5. Please also provide advice to show the reasons why the MAAC committee recommended the granting of provisional consent for the PfizerVax on or about 1 Feb 2021 and why Medsafe accepted that advice despite the significant information gaps about safety, efficacy and product integrity, which apparently included a new production methodology which introduced additional risks of Plasmid DNA including SV40 DNA, into the mRNA jab.*
- 6. Please advise when Medsafe and Cabinet were first made aware of this change in process and what steps were taken to identify and assess and address additional risks.*

You have previously asked us question one. Please refer to our response to you with the reference number 2023/24-0273, dated 20 November 2023.

In relation to question two, as previously advised, the vaccine public information campaign was developed and funded by the Ministry of Health (MOH), working in partnership with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) to ensure a complementary and holistic approach to campaign activity. DPMC was responsible for administering the Vaccine Campaign budget. The development of information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and the vaccine campaign was the responsibility of MOH, not DPMC. For completeness, we have searched our records, and can advise no information relevant to this question was identified.

In relation to questions three, five and six, we believe the information you have requested is more closely connected to and/or held by MOH. We would usually transfer your request to MOH, however, we understand you have made the same request to them. As MOH is better placed to answer this question, we refer you to their response to this question.

In relation to question four, the vaccine public campaign was developed and funded by MOH. If you would like more detail, we suggest you contact MOH.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

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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