



File No. DOIA 2021-1518

Nigel Gray

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Dear Nigel,

I refer to your email, transferred to MBIE on 15 February 2021, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. What due diligence was taken to investigate Pfizer's ethics as a company?*
- 2. Given that Pfizer has successfully been indicted and fined for fraud in the past, what changes to the management of the company were made that reassured you that Pfizer was no longer fraudulent?*
- 3. Were you concerned that Pfizer were so wealthy that any damages caused by their product could simply be seen by the company as a "cost" against their eventual profit and so written off as just "part of the overall cost" for the company? If you were not concerned about this, please explain why not?*
- 4. Please give me a list of the names and positions of those government Ministers and staff who were part of this approval process that enabled Pfizer to gain the contract for providing NZ with Coronavirus or COVID-19 vaccines.*
- 5. Can you please state the reasons as to why NZ Government indemnified Pfizer against damages?*
- 6. What method will NZ government use to deal with harm caused by Pfizer Coronavirus or COVID-19 vaccines to New Zealanders ie. death, permanent disabilities or temporary disabilities?*
- 7. Will ACC be used to pay for damages relating to the above named vaccines?*

I am writing to notify you that I am extending the timeframe for responding to your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

We will now respond to your request on or before Monday 22 March, which is an extension of 5 working days.

You have the right to seek investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at:

www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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