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Tēnā koe Arthur

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 25 June 2021 for:

*“...Please provide me with a copy of the open letter. Please provide me with all information about the letter, including the allegedly misleading claims around the Pfizer vaccine.”*

Your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

The Ministry has not seen or received a copy of the open letter, so we are unable to comment or provide information on its claims.

You may wish to go directly to the [Medical Council of New Zealand](http://www.mcnz.org.nz/about-us/contact-us/) for this information: [www.mcnz.org.nz/about-us/contact-us/](http://www.mcnz.org.nz/about-us/contact-us/). Please note that they are not subject to the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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