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Paul Jones

By email: fyi-request-16034-9e700383@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H202108426

Tēnā koe Paul

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 11 July 2021. I shall respond to each part of your request in turn:

“provide us with the document the New Zealand government received showing pharmacokinetic organ distribution.

Has the New Zealand government received similar studies showing pharmacokinetic organ distribution?

This part of your request for information is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, and in this case the study data that has been conducted and gathered. The New Zealand Government has received the same information as other regulators. You can read the European Union and United Kingdom opinion on the data in the European Public Assessment Report here: www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/EPAR/comirnaty.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-getting-vaccine/covid-19-pregnancy-and-breastfeeding-vaccine-advice>

Please provide documentation and evidence that supports the claim on the above link about the ovaries not being effected.

This advice was taken from the following link: www.covid.immune.org.nz/faq/can-mrna-covid-19-vaccine-affect-fertility-or-affect-future-babies. However, following subsequent review, this statement will be removed because, from a clinical perspective, an assessment on safety in pregnancy and breastfeeding is made based on multiple factors. For a further explanation on this topic exploring these factors, see www.covid.immune.org.nz/sites/default/files/2021-07/COVID-19%20vaccination%20pregnancy%20and%20lactation%20fact%20sheet.pdf.

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 or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gill Hall', written in a cursive style.

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