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Tēnā koe

### 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 9 October 2021 for:

*“The Covid Immunisation Register has a record of all people eligible for the Covid/Pfizer vaccine. It also records if a person does not want the vaccine and has opt-ed out of the programme.*

*Would you please provide the total number of persons who have opt-ed out of the programme to date?*

*Secondly please provide a break down by region for the total number of people per region that have opt-ed out. At a minimum please break down by DHB region, or if a finer level can be provided then please detail that.”*

One document has been identified within scope of your request (copy attached). Document One provides the total number of people who have opted out of receiving communication from the Ministry regarding COVID-19 vaccination. It also provides the total number of people who have opted out of communications and have received a vaccination. This data is broken down by district health board and does not represent the total number of people who have decided to opt out of the vaccination programme as they are unlikely to interact with the Ministry.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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.

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](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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