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Ref. CHOIA208

Dear Chuck

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 10 January 2022 for:

“Please provide all reporting/trial data information that supported Pfizers application that enabled them to meet their obligations

- Are you able to confirm if the Minister has received the following report 5.3.6 CUMULATIVE ANALYSIS OF POST-AUTHORIZATION ADVERSE EVENT REPORTS OF PF-07302048 (BNT162B2) RECEIVED THROUGH 28-FEB-2021*
- Has he read it?*
- Does this information directly contradict any of the safety information that was provided in support of the further material Pfizer provided.”*

As a Minister, I do not hold reporting or trial data information that supported Pfizer’s application to Medsafe for its COVID-19 Comirnaty vaccine, nor have I seen the report you have referenced in your request. While I considered transferring your request under section 14 of the Act to Ministry for response, I am advised that on 21 January 2022, the Ministry provided you with a response to similar questions about this report, that included reference to a comprehensive response on the same subject published on its website. Your request is therefore refused in part under section 18(g) on the grounds that the information is not held by me, and in part under section 18(d) on the grounds that information that responds to your questions has already been provided to you or is publicly available.

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.

Yours sincerely

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Chris Hipkins
Minister for COVID-19 Response