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Tēnā koe AJ

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 19 October 2021 to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) for information regarding COVID-19 vaccines. You asked:

“Except for the pfizer/biontech covid vaccine has new zealand government taken delivery or held in storage any other covid 19 vaccine?”

The total number of pfizer covid vaccines that the new zealand government has donated to the pacific community and any other countries?

The dates and corresponding quantities any pfizer covid vaccines donated were distributed?

Were the donated pfizer covid vaccines sourced from stock held in new Zealand?

The total number of Astrazeneca vaccines donated to other countries?”

New Zealand has purchased a portfolio of COVID-19 vaccines from four suppliers: Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Janssen, and Novavax. These vaccines have been secured through advance purchase agreements directly with suppliers, via the COVAX Facility, and through resale agreements with other countries. So far, Pfizer is the only COVID-19 vaccine available in New Zealand, though work is underway to introduce AstraZeneca as an alternative option.

As of 21 October, New Zealand had donated 61,380 doses of Pfizer’s vaccine to the Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Samoa and Tonga. These doses were initially delivered to New Zealand before being redeployed to these Polynesian countries. New Zealand has also donated AstraZeneca’s vaccine to several countries in the Pacific. These doses were delivered directly to the donee country (and therefore were not receipted in New Zealand). Doses allocated to Indonesia (683,000) and Samoa (25,000) of AstraZeneca via COVAX were delivered the week from 25 October 2021.

The table below outlines New Zealand's donations to date.

Vaccine Type	Donation Pathway	Country	Doses Delivered	Date Delivered
Pfizer	Bilateral donation	Cook Islands	22,950	18 May 2021 - 5 October 2021
		Niue	2,370	1 June 2021 - 30 September 2021
		Tokelau	2,250	17 July 2021
		Tonga	12,720	From 20 October 2021
		Samoa	21,090	From 21 October 2021
Astra Zeneca	NZ funded purchase	Fiji	100,000	3 August 2021
	COVAX AMC (211,200 delivered of 2.376 million doses donated)	Indonesia	683,000	October 2022
		Papua New Guinea	146,400	
		Solomon Islands	28,800	
		Samoa	25,400	
		Timor Leste	24,000	
		Tonga	4,800	
		Tuvalu	4,800	
		Fiji	2,400	
Total delivered to date			1,080,980	

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 or by calling 0800 802 602.

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jo Gibbs', written in a cursive style.

Jo Gibbs
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COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme