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Ref: H202115506
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Tēnā koe Maxwell

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your requests under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health for information relating to the COVID-19 vaccines. For ease of reference, your requests have been consolidated and will be responded to under this letter.

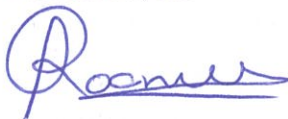
Please refer to Appendix 1 overleaf for further information relating to your requests.

I trust this information fulfils your requests.

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



Astrid Koornneef
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Appendix 1: Information in response to OIA H202115506, H202114851, and H202116404

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| H202115506 | <p>With regards to the Pfizer/BioNTech BNT162b2 vaccine: May I please request the batch/lot information or any relevant identifiable code used to distribute the vaccine by each DHB in NZ and for each official vaccination centre within that DHB's district held by the Ministry or any related agencies.</p> | <p>Attached as Document 1 is a list of all COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine manufacturer batches received up until 2 December 2021. Please note all COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine distributed within New Zealand is part of one of these batches.</p> |
| H202114851 | <p>Can I please request the following vaccination details held by the Ministry of Health or any related agencies for distribution and administration in New Zealand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Sars-Cov-2 vaccination batch numbers and origin of manufacture produced by Pfizer/BioNTech. | <p>Please note, all Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine batches used in New Zealand are manufactured at Pfizer Manufacturing's facility in Puurs, Belgium.</p> |
| | <p>Can I please request the following vaccination details held by the Ministry of Health or any related agencies supplied by New Zealand to the Pacific Islands via the Covax facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Sars-Cov-2 vaccination batch numbers, origin of manufacture and recipient country produced by AstraZeneca • All Sars-Cov-2 vaccination batch numbers, origin of manufacture and recipient country produced by Pfizer/BioNTech. | <p>New Zealand donated the AstraZeneca vaccine, manufactured by the SK Bioscience (Republic of South Korea) to Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Fiji.</p> <p>New Zealand donated the AstraZeneca vaccine, manufactured by Amylin in Ohio, United States of America to Samoa.</p> <p>The batch numbers of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines are withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.</p> |

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| | | New Zealand has not donated any doses of the Pfizer Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine to the COVAX Facility. |
| H202116404 | <p>Can I please request the following vaccination details held by the Ministry of Health or any related agencies for the distribution and administration in New Zealand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Sars-Cov-2 vaccination batch numbers and origin of manufacture produced by AstraZeneca. • A summary of where each of these batches is allocated, by DHB and local vaccination centre/popup location. | <p>This information is attached as Document 2. Please note all AstraZeneca originates in or was manufactured in Australia.</p> <p>Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(c) of the Act - to avoid prejudice to measures to protect the health or safety of the public.</p> |