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Tēnā koe Chuck

### **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 20 May 2022. Please find a response to each part of your request below:

*With regards to the example outlined in my initial request (H202204611) and reported on by the NZ Herald are you able to provide in the context of his recommendation*

- The Panel recommendation - personal details can be redacted*
- Supporting comment by the panel for the reason this exemption was declined*

*Please also include 5 other examples of the reason for the application being declined and the panels comments along with the medical professionals who supported their application.*

This part of your request is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. 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.

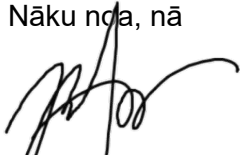
*To include in this request, of the 747 TME applications that were declined can you please provide*

- Following the declination of the exemption did anyone die within 21 days of one of their jabs*
- How many of the declined applications saw an adverse reaction that was recorded in the Medsafe data*
- Were there any adverse reactions that resulted in claims to ACC for adverse reactions*

While the Act enables people to request official information from the Ministry, there is no obligation to create information or compile information it does not hold in order to respond to requests. Therefore, this part of your request is refused section 18(g) of the Act as the Ministry does not hold the information in its requested form. If you would like to make a new refined request the Ministry would be open to answering this for you. Please note the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) is responsible for compensation, please contact them for further information regarding claims they have received.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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