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Tēnā koe Heather

I refer to your email transferred by the Ministry of Health on 15 February 2022, requesting the following information:

Please provide the risk assessment carried for teaching staff to support the Pfizer mandate with reference to the toxicity reported in the Pfizer safety data sheet.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I note that you previously made the same request to the Ministry of Education on 26 January 2022. In response, we advised that the information requested did not exist, as the Ministry's role is to implement Cabinet's decisions and the resulting legislation as they relate to the education sector, and risk assessment of the Pfizer vaccine is not part of that implementation role. The COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021 is administered by the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Education and schools were not required to undertake a risk assessment under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 before the Order was made.

We have therefore transferred your request back to the Ministry of Health in accordance with sections 14(b)(i) and (ii) of the Act. We regret the misunderstanding regarding the nature of your request that appears to have led to the original transfer, and any inconvenience this has caused. We have clarified the situation with the Ministry of Health, and you may expect a response from them directly.

Nāku noa, nā



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