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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) on 30 March 2022 for information relating to the COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board (CV-ISMB). You specifically requested:

"All meetings, minutes, reporting completed by the CV-ISMB for each of the safety signals raised and all of the "literature" that they have relied on relating to these serious issues".

It is important to note that the CV-ISMB consists of experts in their respective fields, as outlined in the recommendations of the World Health Organization. As such, and as part of their roles as healthcare professionals and academics, they may have relied on information outside of the literature presented during the meeting to inform their decision making.

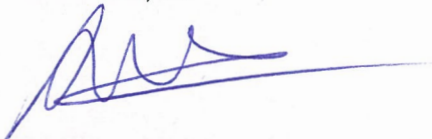
The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) cannot comment or make any inferences as to the literature used by the CV-ISMB as part of their role. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

Further information regarding CV-ISMB can be found at this link: www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-strategy-planning-insights/covid-19-who-were-working

Additionally, the Ministry will be publishing meeting minutes on the Ministry website in due course. Therefore, your request for this information is refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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