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Ref: OIA-2021/22-1457

Dear Angela

**Official Information Act request relating to evidence of vaccine reducing serious outcomes and MHA documents**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 17 June 2022. You requested:

*Dear Māori Health Authority,*

- 1. Please provide evidence that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine Comirnaty reduces any serious outcomes and hospital admissions of COVID-19.*
- 2. Please include only official research from Pfizer or other research that the government has used in the justification of the use of the Comirnaty vaccine within New Zealand.*
- 3. Please can the Maori Health authority provide evidence they hold that the covid-19 vaccination protects ones whakapapa, what evidence do you hold that the vaccine is effective in preserving ones whakapapa as promoted in the media and via a relentless media campaign?*
- 4. Please can the Maori Health authority provide all emails, and documentation between the NZ government and all those involved in the setting up of the new Maori Health authority, being Iwi Chairs, Whanau Ora Ltd, Pou Matakana Ltd, Waipareira Trust Ltd and any other entity who has a financial interest in the Maori health authority?*
- 5. Please can you provide evidence of all discussions, emails documents and any other information held that shows the number of non-corporate and proclaimed, constituted Hapu were consulted about the new Maori Health authority?*
- 6. Please can the Maori Health authority provide the consent provided by heads of Hapu and National Wakaminenga agreeing to the creation of the Maori Health authority?*
- 7. Please can Maori health authority please supply the individual contracts of living tangatawhenua with wet ink signatures that provides consent to the accessing of personal, private data of Rangatira of Hapu, and their whanau by a statutory entity being the Maori Health authority.*
- 8. Please can Maori Health authority supply the emails, contract and discussion held between John Tamihere and his business partners who specialise in stents and heart issues in the setting up of the Maori Health authority, all emails, discussions and contracts please?*

On 4 July 2022 the first three questions in your request were transferred to the Ministry of Health as the information requested was more closely related to the functions of that Ministry.

For the remainder of your request, I will respond to each of your questions in turn.

## Response to your request

4. With regard to your request for *all emails, and documentation between the NZ government and all those involved in the setting up of the new Maori Health authority, being Iwi Chairs, Whanau Ora Ltd, Pou Matakana Ltd, Waipareira Trust Ltd and any other entity who has a financial interest in the Maori health authority*, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

5. With regard to your request for *evidence of all discussions, emails documents and any other information held that shows the number of non-corporate and proclaimed, constituted Hapu were consulted about the new Maori Health authority*, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. DPMC does not hold information about the specific number of hapū represented in consultation and engagement undertaken as part of the Transition Unit's work on health reforms.

6. With regard to your request for *can the Maori Health authority provide the consent provided by heads of Hapu and National Wakaminenga agreeing to the creation of the Maori Health authority*, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. I can advise that the Māori Health Authority is established by the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022.

7. With regard to your request for *the individual contracts of living tangatawhenua with wet ink signatures that provides consent to the accessing of personal, private data of Rangatira of Hapu, and their whanau by a statutory entity being the Maori Health authority*, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. I note that, like all other organisations, the Māori Health Authority is bound by the Privacy Act 2020 in relation to personal data.

8. With regard to your request for *the emails, contract and discussion held between John Tamihere and his business partners who specialise in stents and heart issues in the setting up of the Maori Health authority, all emails, discussions and contracts*, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. I note that this organisation has not been contracted to provide stents.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely



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