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Athina Andonatou

By email: fyi-request-19764-3e7eb358@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: H202208414

Dear Athina

## 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 28 June 2022 for:

Please provide me with all the reports that have been received from Pfizer's Comirnaty injection to either Ministry of Health or Medsafe's Chris James re: Pfizer summary safety reports.

The documents you have requested have been withheld in full under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act, to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source. It is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied to Medsafe.

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.

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: <a href="mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz">info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

Chris James

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