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S Hill

By email: fyi-request-20908-33d54406@requests.fyi.org.nz

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Tēnā koe S Hill,

Transfer of your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 1 November 2022. You requested:

"[1] At the time of negotiation with Pfizer for the COVID-19 vaccine, was the Minster of Finance aware that Pfizer did NOT test whether the COVID-19 vaccine prevented transmission of the virus before it entered the market?

[2] Is the Minster of Finance currently aware that Pfizer did NOT test whether the COVID-19 vaccine prevented transmission of the virus before it entered the market?"

The requested information is more closely connected to the functions of Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand). For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to Te Whatu Ora under section 14(b)(i)(ii) of the Act. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora in due course.

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.

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