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Heather Darby

By email: fyi-request-20947-6f8957b1@requests.fyi.org.nz
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Dear Heather

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 24 October 2022 for:

"Does anyone on the vaccine committees or within Medsafe or within MoH or within New Zealand receive royalties from Pfizer?"

On 9 November 2022 we contacted you to clarify your request. You clarified that by 'royalties' you meant:

"Payments of any type (cash or kind or other metrics of compensation) based on the gross or net revenues of Pfizer products OR Payments of any type (cash or kind or other metrics of compensation) for Pfizer products to allowed to be used in New Zealand."

Manatū Hauora staff may own Pfizer stock in a personal capacity but are required to declare conflicts of interest if this may interfere with their position. The vaccine committees, such as the COVID-19 Technical Advisory Group, or the Medicines Assessment Advisory Committee (MAAC) have processes in place which allow them to identify and deal with any conflicts of interest. For example, you can find information about how conflicts of interest are dealt with by the MAAC here: www.medsafe.govt.nz/profs/marc/MARC.asp

None of the parties you have identified receive payment from Pfizer to allow their medicines to be approved or used in New Zealand.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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.

Yours sincerely



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