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Ref: H2023021368

Tēnā koe Athina

### **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 6 March 2023 as a follow to a previous request ref: H2022018890.

Please find a response to each part of your request below:

*"In response to a previous fyi Ref: H2022018890 in which it was quoted "I can advise that as a part of the provisional consent for the Comirnaty COVID-19 granted in New Zealand under the Medicines Act 1981, Pfizer has provided the same data, albeit in a form that meets the company's legal obligations in New Zealand".*

- 1) *Please provide the data that Pfizer provided to meet the company's legal obligations in New Zealand for which they received provisional consent.*

This part of your request is 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. In making this decision, I have considered the countervailing public interest in releasing information and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

You may be interested in the following publicly available response to a request for information, which includes redacted copies of evaluation reports here:

[www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h202106950- response.pdf](http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h202106950-_response.pdf).

- 2) *Please advise what parts of the provisional consent have been fulfilled and what is still unfulfilled and the timeframes.*

This part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available on our website at: [www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/gazette.asp](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/gazette.asp). You will find information here regarding current outstanding conditions.

- 3) *Given that Pfizer has said they did not test the vaccine to determine whether it stopped transmission, why did all the advertising used to promote the injection say it did? At what point did you know this was not correct and have you done a press release on this? If not why? And if yes, please provide details.*

On 28 March 2023 this part of your request was transferred to Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. You can expect a response from them in due course.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', is positioned above the printed name.

Chris James  
**Group Manager**  
**Medsafe**