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Tēnā koe Athina,

Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00014752

Thank you for your request for information, which was partially transferred to Te Whatu Ora on 27 March 2023, requesting the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

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."

The information requested is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information, in its requested form, does not exist.

The government's vaccination communications highlight that vaccination reduces the risks of a person catching COVID-19. Vaccinations also make it less likely that individuals will become very ill if they do catch COVID-19, and that they are also less likely to spread COVID-19 with their whānau and community. Our communications are constantly reviewed by subject matter experts, including scientists and clinicians and advice may be different depending on the number of vaccinations and COVID-19 variants.

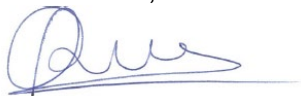
How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available on our website.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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