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## Dear J Bruning

## Official Information Act request regarding the Pfizer COVID-19 post-marketing report

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 13 March 2023.

You have requested:

"...Please supply urgently, between 27 February 2021 and 9 March 2021 the following information:

[a] All discussions via WhatsApp, Signal, Messenger, private email, Parliamentary or political party email by DPMC and Cabinet officials discussing Pfizer, BioNTech, the post-marketing report, FDA, deaths and adverse events.

[b] All reports, releases, memos, advice received by DPMC including Cabinet officials and Ministers discussing and/or reviewing the implications of, contents, evidence in the post-marketing report supplied as a requirement in the Gazette conditions, and taking all steps to reasonably consider the harm profile to the population who were not at risk of hospitalisation or death from COVID-19 (required by Health Act, Part3A, s.92, Overarching Principles). This includes the risk to pregnant women, young people and children.

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This cohort [group 4], 2 million people, were targeted by the Minister for COVID-19 to be injected from July 2021. General civil society would be required to be injected to work, to access services and public facilities. Therefore, it would be expected that a risk-benefit analyses for these individuals would be undertaken so as to protect public health, as required by the overarching

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[c] All discussions via WhatsApp, Signal, Messenger, private email, Parliamentary or political party email sent by DPMC officials and Cabinet officials, including Ministers planning and discussing the signing of the second agreement."

The information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry of Health (MoH). We would normally transfer your request to the MoH under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. However, since you have made a similar request to that agency, we are referring you to their response instead.

You have the right to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the OIA.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

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