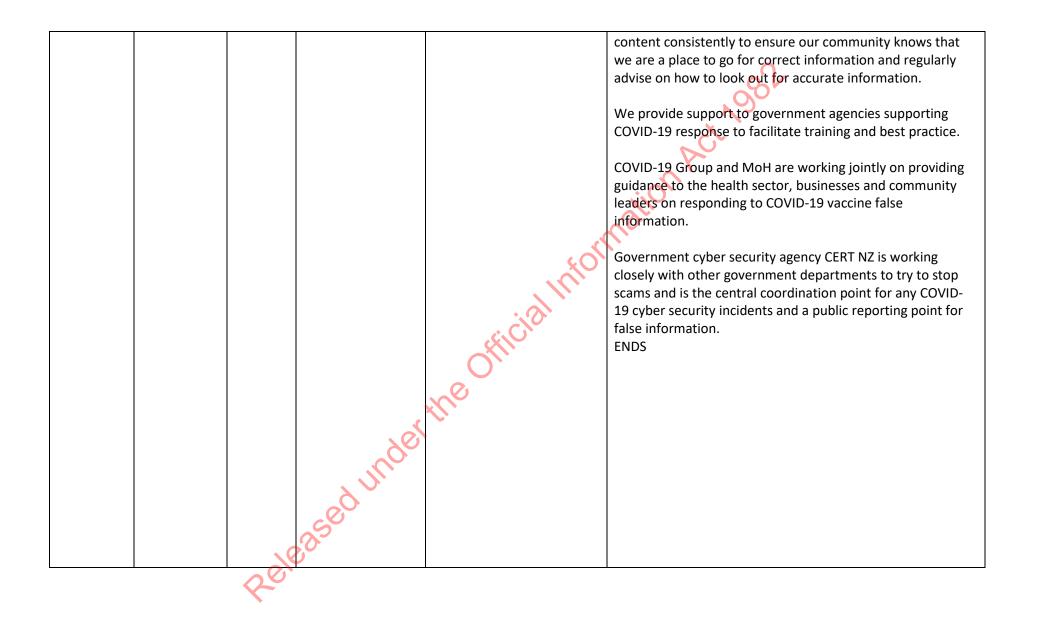
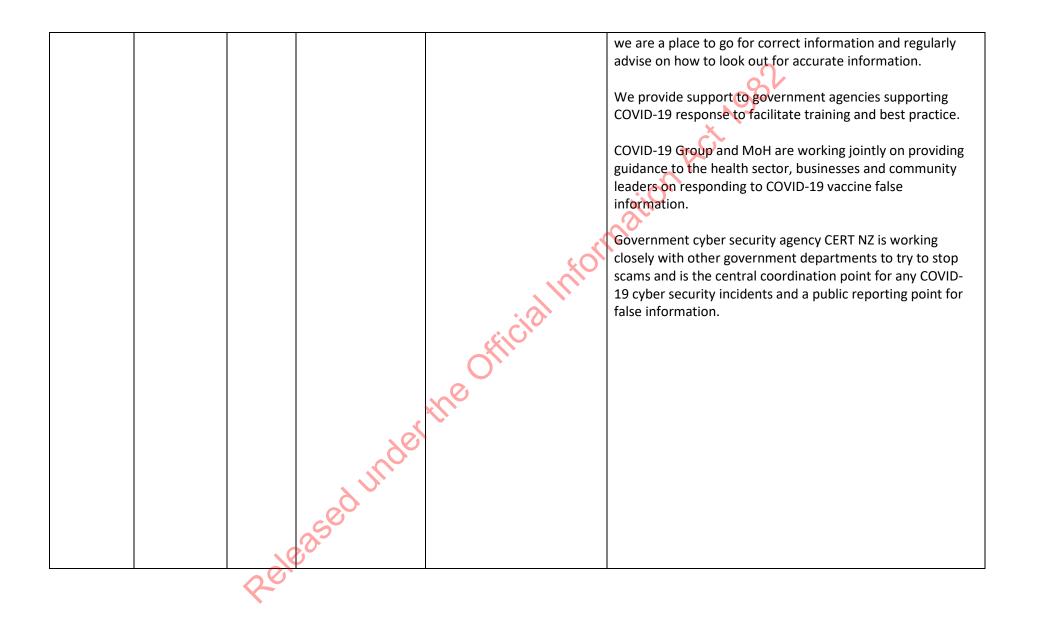
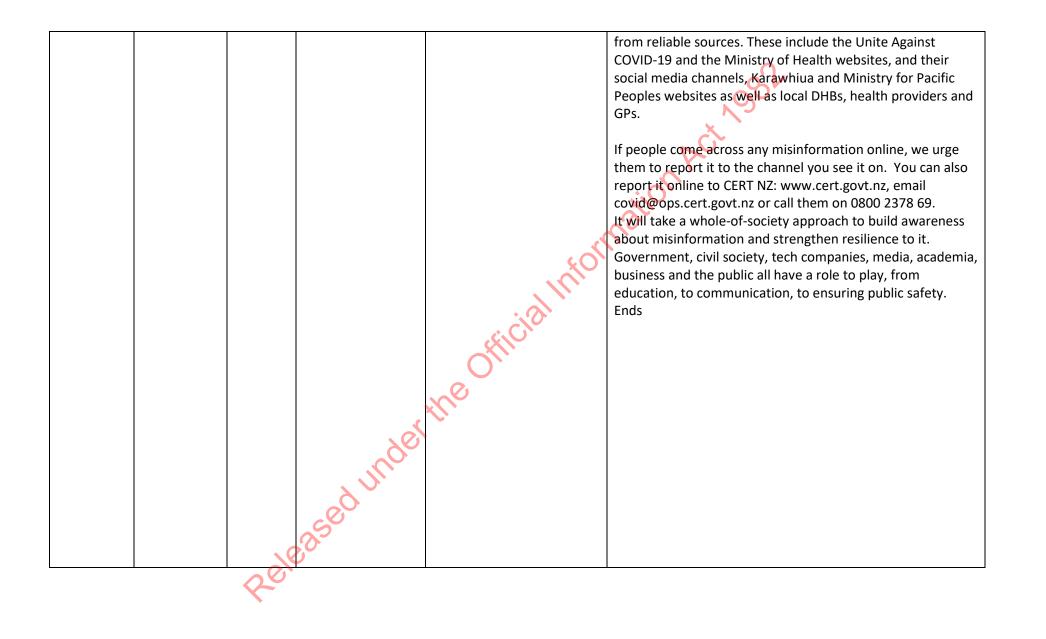
Week ending	Journalist	Outlet	Nature of query	Query	Response
16 January 2022	s 9(2)(a)	Stuff	Dis/misinformation	A number of Stuff readers have sent in pictures of leaflets put into their mail boxes from anti-vaccination group Voices for Freedom. We did a story about this in December, however, I'm wondering if the ministry has an official statement somewhere on this? - Has anything been put out from the ministry regarding what type of leaflets are official, and what aren't? - Have any complaints or reports been made to the ministry about this leaflet distribution?	Attribute to a Ministry of Health spokesperson: We're aware of this material but encourage people to only go to trusted sources of information when seeking to find out more about the virus and the vaccine. Misinformation can be spread through a range of different channels including social media, traditional media (television, radio and print), pamphlets, posters and letterbox drops. One of the best ways to stop misinformation from spreading is by only sharing information from official sources like covid19.govt.nz, health.govt.nz, karawhiua.nz, the Ministry for Pacific People, or health providers. We all have a responsibility to stop misinformation spreading, and we encourage people to only go to trusted sources to get reliable information. We encourage social media companies to continue to be proactive in helping to manage misinformation about COVID- 19 or the vaccine, whether it's online or a physical document, we encourage them to report it to CERT NZ through their website or calling 0800 2378 69. Our approach focuses on providing readily available reliable information. We publish accurate, timely, reliable



19	s 9(2)(a)	Stuff	Dis/misinformation	Just wondering if you might	You can attribute to a Ministry of Health spokesperson:
December				be able to comment on	
2021				flyers featuring similar	
2021				branding to that of the	We're aware of it and want to remind and encourage people
				MoH/Covid Response. The	to only go to trusted sources of information when seeking to
				material casts doubt over	find out more about the virus and the vaccine.
				the effectiveness of the	The out more about the virus and the vacche.
				vaccine and does feature a	Misinformation can be spread through a range of different
				disclaimer in the fine print,	channels including social media, traditional media
				saying it is not an official	(television, radio and print), pamphlets, posters and
				document.	letterbox drops.
				It has been published by	One of the best ways to stop misinformation from spreading
				the Voices for Freedom,	is by only sharing information from official sources like
				and is the flyer featured in	covid19.govt.nz, health.govt.nz, karawhiua.nz, Ministry for
				this link.	Pacific People, or health provider.
				c Gle	
				Can the ministry comment	We all have a responsibility to stop misinformation
				as to whether it is aware of	spreading, and we encourage people to only go to trusted
				this material being	sources to get reliable information.
				distributed?	
				If so, has it taken any action	We encourage social media companies to continue to be
				to stop this happening?	proactive in helping to manage misinformation.
				Does the ministry wish to	
				comment on the	If people see any examples of misinformation about COVID-
				distribution of this material	19 or the vaccine, whether it's online or a physical
				and others like it?	document, we encourage them to report it to CERT NZ
					through their website or calling 0800 2378 69.
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			ased under		Our approach focuses on providing readily available reliable
		~0			information while building and strengthening resilience to
					false information. We publish accurate, timely, reliable
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					content consistently to ensure our community knows that

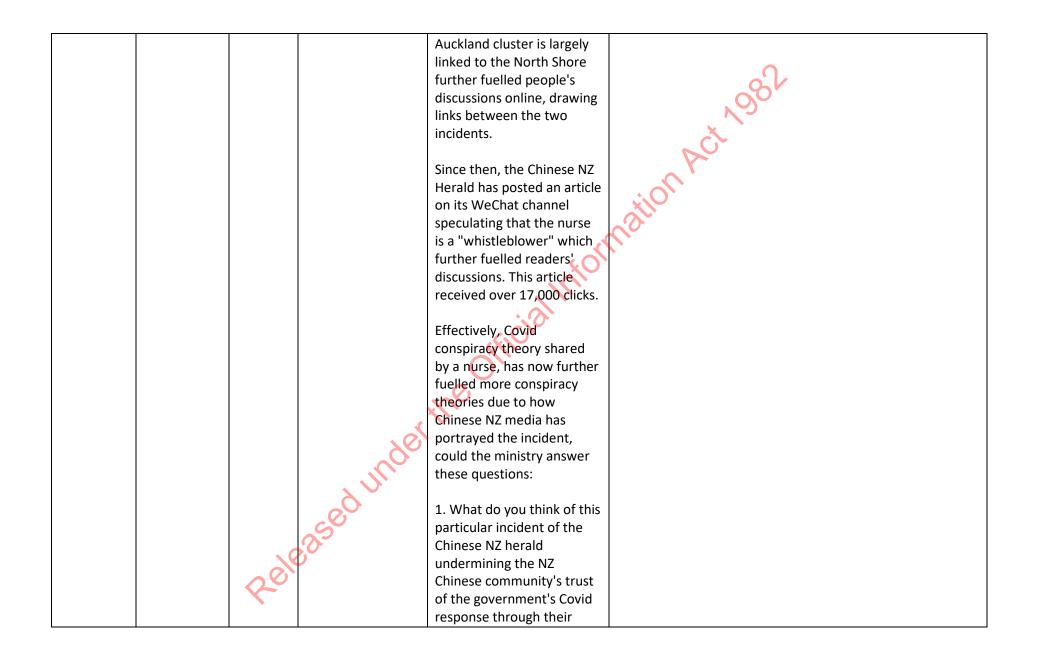


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3 October	s 9(2)(a)	Stuff	Dis/misinformation	A group of anti-vaxxers	It is very disappointing to hear about this public display of
2021				targeted Nelson College	false claims related to the COVID-19 vaccine in teenagers,
				yesterday, including a stand	especially when it is targeted at a school.
				at the bottom of the school	
				drive which said 4 New	The claims are untrue and irresponsible and only serve as a
				Zealand teens were dead	threat to a successful nationwide vaccine rollout.
				because of the "clot shot".	
					There have been no teenage deaths in New Zealand
				I know the prime minister	reported to the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring
				said two weeks ago there	(CARM) that are considered related to getting vaccinated
				had been no deaths of any	against COVID-19.
				teenagers in New Zealand 📈	
				related to getting	Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect people from
				vaccinated, but could	the virus. The Ministry of Health continues to encourage as
				please have a response to	many eligible people as possible – that's everyone over the
				the above?	age of 12 – to get vaccinated. We have enough supply to
					vaccinate everyone by the end of the year.
					The chief coroner Judge Deborah Marshall said earlier this
				ON.	month that speculation an Auckland teenager's death was
					related to theCOVID-19 vaccine was incorrect.
				No.	If there is a death that is linked to the vaccine, it would be
					made public and reported accordingly. Just as we report the
					sad deaths of people who have died from Covid-19.
			Xe		Earlier this year we reported the death of a woman in her
					50s who had received the Pfizer vaccine. The CV-ISMB
					reviewed this case and considered that the woman's death
					was due to myocarditis, which is known to be a rare side
					effect of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. They considered that
			~		the myocarditis was probably due to vaccination. The case
					has been referred to the Coroner and the cause of death has
					not yet been determined.
			ased under		not yet been determined.
					People should endeavour to get vaccination information
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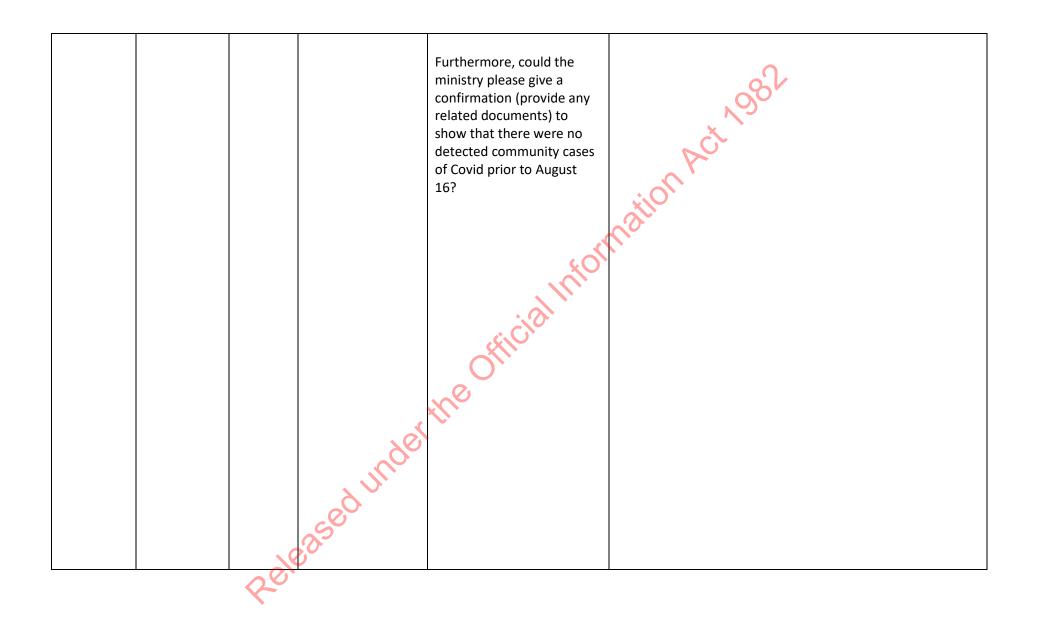


5	s 9(2)(a)	Stuff	Dis/misinformation	I had this letter (attached)	Please attribute any of the following to a Ministry of Health
September	e e (<u>=</u>)(a)	Stan	Disymisimormation	sent to me from a	spokesperson:
2021				pharmacist in Napier who	
2021					The Ministry of Health's focus is on providing clear,
				was quite concerned by its	
				contents.	consistent access to trusted and transparent information.
					We are aware, however, there is some material circulating in
				I have contacted HBDHB,	the community that comments on the safety and efficacy of
				who recommended I get	COVID-19 vaccines. Making false claims about COVID-19 and
				comment from MOH. I	vaccinations is concerning, unhelpful and potentially
				have attached the letter,	dangerous.
				and I guess one of the most	It is important that people use only reliable sources for their
				concerning points is the 🛛 📈	information and should carefully consider what they pass
				suggestion of inhaling	on. We need a whole of society approach to combat
				hydrogen peroxide through	misinformation, not only by government agencies but also
				a nebulizer.	academia and the media.
				. ?	Official communications about the COVID-19 vaccine will be
				It also makes suggestions	from the Unite Against COVID-19, Karawhiua, and Ministry
				that the Covid-19 vaccine	of Health websites, and their social media channels.
				shortens your life and a few	In addition, the Unite Against COVID-19 national public
				other points intended to	information campaign has been designed to ensure
				scare its readers.	information is available to everyone in Aotearoa. This
					includes content on television, radio, social media, in
				Is MoH able to comment on	newspapers and maildrops in letterboxes.
				the contents of this "fact	If people see any examples of misinformation about the
				checked" letter and the	vaccine, whether it's online or a physical document, they can
				dangerous message that it's	report it to CERT NZ by emailing: covid@ops.cert.govt.nz. If
			<u>6</u>	portraying?	people see COVID-19 misinformation on social media, they
			0	portraying:	
			3	According to the DUD it's	should report it to the social media platform it appears on.
		.0		According to the DHB, it's	
				been circling around NZ for	
			ased under	a while. If someone could	
				1pm that would be great.	

22 4	s 9(2)(a)	C+	Die /	Lest Caturday (Aug 14)	Defermed to main terms
22 August	3 3(2)(a)	Stuff	Dis/misinformation	Last Saturday (Aug 14), an	Referred to main team
2021				article about a North Shore	0
				nurse who peddled	<u>o</u> v
				conspiracy theories on	
				Wechat got published on	
				Stuff. The nurse Judy Zhu	
				told a group of 300	
				neighbours on July 31 that	A K
				the government has been	
				hiding information about	
				people who have tested	nation Act 1982
				positive at her clinic - 💦 📈	
				Apollo Medical Centre	
				which has been verified by	
				Apollo to be false.	
				The story was translated by	
				NZ Chinese media this	
				Monday, and widely read	
				by the Chinese community	
				over WeChat. On Tuesday,	
				the government announced	
				the community case, and	
				many Chinese Kiwis are	
				now posting on social	
				media that the nurse is a	
			0	"whistleblower" and that	
			S	the government is indeed	
		_	6	hiding cases that were	
			p-	earlier found in the	
		50	ased under	community.	
				/	
		*		The fact that the current	
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			reporting?	
			Covid-19 misinformation	
			spreading on Chinese social	
			media, and Chinese ethnic	
			media in NZ (such as the NZ	X
			Chinese Herald, Skykiwi	
			etc?) And what actions will	
			you take to address these	
			risks?	
			3. Has the Ministry of	ation Act 1982
			Health spoken to any	
			Chinese NZ media about	
			expectations of their Covid-	
			19 reporting since the	
			beginning of the pandemic?	
			4. Has the Ministry of	
			Health spoken to any	
			Chinese NZ media (print,	
			digital and radio) about	
			preventing the spread of	
			Covid-19 misinformation	
			since Stuff's publishing of	
			the nurse article on	
			Saturday Aug 14?	
			5. Has the Ministry of	
			Health spoken to any	
			Chinese community leaders	
		0	about preventing the	
		5	spread of Covid-19	
	50	ased under	misinformation since Stuff's	
			publishing of the nurse	
	*		article on Saturday Aug 14?	
			, 0	



20 June	Melanie	s 9(2)(a)	Dis/misinformation	I'm hoping to talk to	See below a response to your query, attributable to COVID-
2021	Carroll			someone for a story about	19 vaccine programme general manager communications
				vaccine misinformation in	and engagement John Wal <mark>s</mark> h
				the workplace.	
				I was forwarded the email	The Ministry of Health's focus is on providing clear,
				sent to business owners	consistent access to trusted and transparent information,
				recently about how to deal	and we concur with the information provided on the
				with this, and was	business.govt.nz site.
				interested in whether it	We are also heartened by the latest consumer research,
				had been sparked by	which has shown 80% of New Zealanders say they are likely
				anything in particular. Are	toget vaccinated or have already been vaccinated, up from
				they any specific concerns 📈	69% in March.
				the Government has? What	We are aware, however, there is some material circulating in
				information is there around	the community that comments on the safety and efficacy of
				vaccine misinformation in	the COVID-19 vaccines.
				the workplace?	It is important that people use only reliable sources for their
					information and should carefully consider what they pass
					on.
					We need a whole of society approach to combat
				0	misinformation, not only by government agencies but also
					academia and the media.
			\$	\sim	Official communications about the COVID-19 vaccine will be
			ased under		from Unite Against COVID-19 and the Ministry of Health
					websites.
					If people see any examples of misinformation about the
					vaccine, whether it's online or a physical document, they can
					report it to CERT NZ by emailing: covid@ops.cert.govt.nz.
			S		If people see COVID-19 misinformation on social media, they
			0		should report it to the social media platform it appears on.
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		X-			