

21 February 2024

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Dear Erika

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 17 February 2024. You requested:

1. How many staff did you terminate in 2021-2022 for not being vaccinated against covid-19?
2. I see there is a notice on your page: 29 Sept 2021 [Aide Memoire] WorkSafe's approach to COVID-19 vaccinations for its own workers which is from <https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/about-us/information-requests/information-releases/titles-of-advice-to-the-minister-for-workplace-relations-and-safety/>. Would you kindly share the above 29 Sept 2021 "Aide Memoire" as part of my official information act request.
3. What was your staff headcount as of Nov 2021 and as of today when you answer this OIA?

Information being released

I have responded to each of your questions below.

1. WorkSafe did not terminate any staff for not being vaccinated against COVID-19.
2. I have decided to release the Aide Memoire listed below subject to certain information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, *to protect the privacy of natural persons*.
3. As of 30 November 2021, WorkSafe had 686 kaimahi employed at WorkSafe. As of 19 February 2024, there were 619.

Item	Document Date	Document Title	Decision
1.	21 September 2021	Aide Memoire – WorkSafe's approach to COVID-19 vaccinations for its workers	Release – some information withheld under s 9(2)(a)

I have decided to release the document listed above subject to certain information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, *to protect the privacy of natural persons*.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision, and further information is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you require further assistance, please contact ministerial.services@worksafe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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