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Request to prioritise requests for official information

I refer to your requests under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health).

Manatū Hauora responds to all official information requests made in good faith in accordance with the requirements of the Act. Our organisation values the importance of transparency and accountability and remain committed to fulfilling our obligations under the Act.

According to our records, you currently have six active requests, all of which were submitted within a short period of time. You will appreciate that considerable resources, often from the same area within the Ministry, are required to respond to your range of requests.

For the following requests, we are asking you to prioritise which are of most interest to you and/or narrow the scope of your requests. This will allow us to reasonably respond to you without placing an unreasonable degree of strain on the teams and interfering with the day-to-day workings of the Ministry.

Please note, the Ministry will be considering charging you in line with our charging policy, extending the time to respond to your requests, or refusing your requests in accordance with section 18(f) of the Act. The Ministry's charging policy can be found here: www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/oia-charging-policy.pdf

The requests we are asking you to prioritise are outlined in Appendix 1.

We appreciate your understanding during this period. If you have any queries or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us (oiagr@health.govt.nz).

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to review this decision.

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Manager, OIA Services

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Appendix 1 – List of official information requests for consideration

#	Reference #	Requested information
1	H2024038268	Would you please supply the information in this obligation #54 for the provisionally approved product, Comirnaty. I will copy and paste the condition: 54. Provide any reports on efficacy including asymptomatic infection in the vaccinated group, vaccine failure, immunogenicity, efficacy in population subgroups and results from post-marketing studies, within five working days of these being produced. 1 When did the Medafe quit using Salesforce to store adverse event reports? 2 How much were the annual licensing fees for Salesforce for medsafe or the ministry of health for this safety monitor report from safesforce? 3 Did the ministry of health join or apply to join ICH? (https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ich.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Coiagr%40health.govt.nz%7Ca63 9abb590c44a03055d08dc4b67077c%7C23cec7246d204bd19fe9dc444 7edd1fa%7C0%7C0%7C638468153084373165%7CUnknown%7CTW FpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1ha WwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rNxi3zgwx%2BrA RLEe7wUbUVO0Trt7L5EIO4n%2FsKMKGqQ%3D&reserved=0) If so, please share the minutes for this decision to join? 4 Please share the procurement documents for agreeing to deploy an E2B system for immunization and safety data? 5 Please share the annual software licensing costs for this new E2B system. 6 Please share which vendor has supplied it? 7 Is this E2B data housed on NZ soil in NZ data centers? If not, where please? 8 How is the functionality of the E2B data format for "clinical safety data management" appropriate for the New Zealand population who are not in a clinical setting at all? 9 Please supply the RFP for this procurement of a new system to store immunization and safety/pharmocovilligance data
2	H2024038269	What is the criteria is for publishing OIA responses on the ministry's website? What is the criteria for this publishing OIA on the ministry's website in relation to requests around Covid 19, vaccination and health outcomes as a result of vaccination? Please supply any minutes, emails, memos etc around the making of this criteria and decisions to publish or not to publish a response to an OIA on https://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.
3	H2024038488	1. I am requesting the information on how the medsafe safety data sheet info was considered and modified into the MoH's advice on their website with no safety or efficacy statements regarding children. Kindly supply all the minutes, memos and correspondence for publishing the ministry of health's advice for this product for children. 2. The same goes for pregnant women. Kindly supply all the minutes, memos and correspondence for publishing the ministry of health's advice for this product for pregnant women after the medsafe safety datasheet declares a distinct lack of human testing, safety or efficacy data.
4	H2024038982	Would you please provide all the information related to the procurement of COVID-19 Test kits in 2017? The product is described as:

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		COVID-19 Test kits:: Diagnostic reagents based on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) nucleic acid test. Category: COVID-19 Test kits/ Instruments, apparatus used in Diagnostic Testing
		The World Integrated Trade Solution reports that New Zealand imported USD73,293.40 of such COVID-19 test kits in 2017:
		https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2F web.archive.org%2Fweb%2F20200906005700if_%2Fhttps%3A%2F%2Fwits.worldbank.org%2Ftrade%2Fcomtrade%2Fen%2Fcountry%2FALL%2Fyear%2F2017%2Ftradeflow%2FImports%2Fpartner%2FWLD%2Fnomen%2Fh5%2Fproduct%2F382200&data=05%7C02%7Coiagr%40health.govt.nz%7Cac82a07a2a4842a612a308dc54c813c4%7C23cec7246d204bd19fe9dc4447edd1fa%7C0%7C0%7C638478465515545341%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiV2IuMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=y75zHdbhgKPi3ajX5lplBoNEEbEMQyfcJ187xV5Uxc4%3D&reserved=0
		Kindly provide all the memos, correspondence and procurement documents for the decision to purchase these Covid-19 PCR test kits in 2017.
5	H2024039058	What was the percentage of hospital Occupancy for respiratory diseases in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023? For those who died of Covid or with covid what was the average age of death for these deaths?
6	H2024039112	Please would you share further information on these fines from the MoH. 1. Who exactly issued these fines? 2. What is the authority and jurisdiction to issue these fines? 3. Where is the delegation? I do not see any gazzetted on the New Zealand Gazette, but I may be missing something.