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Our ref: OIA 115957

Tēnā koe Chris

Official Information Act request: COVID-19 vaccine data

Thank you for your email of 17 September 2024 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about the alleged release of COVID-19 vaccine data by Barry Young. Specifically, you requested:

- 1. Initial Assessment completed by Ministry of Justice evaluating the credibility of the data including requesting and analyzing the data. Please include who at Ministry of Justice was tasked with this job - if an assessment has not be done why not?*
- 2. Subject to above please outline Investigations taken / taking place and the scope associated.*
- 3. Please provide all correspondence by the people notified of data breach including any and all emails/notes/memos/minutes that the personnel have been included on.*

Ultimately, I want to see all of the steps Ministry of Justice have done to verify / investigate the data which implicates numerous government agencies in crimes against kiwis.

On 15 October 2024, the Ministry extended the time limit to respond to your request due to the need for external consultation.

Pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act, the Ministry has decided to partially grant your request. A response is being prepared; however, we require more time to finalise the information for release. The information will be provided to you as soon as practicable and no later than 11 December 2024. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay may cause you.

Please note that some information may be withheld/refused under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons,
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers and officers and employees of any public service agency
- 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist, and
- 18(g) of the Act on the grounds that the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry or any other agency subject to the Act.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Louise Ainsley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Louise Ainsley
Manager, Ministerial Services