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Tēnā koe John

Official information request for legal advice regarding disclosure of vaccine procurement agreements

Our Ref: OIA-2526150

We refer to your official information request dated 11 March 2026 for the following:

Please supply all documentation of any legal opinions, risk assessments, or advice provided by the Crown Law Office to Ministers or government agencies concerning the disclosure or confidentiality of agreements between the New Zealand Government and Pfizer relating to COVID-19 vaccines.

For each document please provide:

- *the date of the advice*
- *the requesting agency*
- *the general subject matter.*

As you know, we extended the due date for responding your request until 11 May 2026.

We have identified 26 emails and one table falling within the scope of your request.

This material was provided variously to the Ministry of Health, MedSafe and the Treasury in the context of the *MKD and Ors v Minister of Health and Ors* [2022] NZHC 2630 litigation.

The documents identified are subject to legal professional privilege. We are satisfied that the public interest in maintaining privilege is not outweighed by any other considerations that render it desirable, in the public interest, to make this information available.

We have therefore decided to withhold these under section 9(2)(h) of the Official Information Act 1982 (**Act**) to maintain legal professional privilege.

Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide the proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIA@crownlaw.govt.nz

Nāku noa, nā

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