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Tēnā koe Penny

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) transferred from Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 17 June 2026. You requested:

“1. Any papers, briefings, agendas, or records of decisions from the Cabinet National Security Committee (NSC) that address pandemic preparedness in the context of New Zealand's relationship with GAVI (the Vaccine Alliance), the World Health Organization, or the Gates Foundation, during the period 1 January 2024 to date.”

Following advice from the DPMC, we have interpreted your request to include any papers, briefings, agendas, or records of decisions that address pandemic preparedness in the above contexts.

In regard to New Zealand's relationship with the World Health Organization (WHO) in the context of pandemic preparedness, the Ministry does not hold any documents in scope of this request. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing this is connected more closely with the functions of another agency subject to the Act.

While the Ministry does not have a relationship with GAVI or the Gates Foundation, the topic of pandemic preparedness is more closely linked with the Ministry's functions. Therefore, documents that the agencies connected with these organisations might hold regarding pandemic preparedness would have originated from the Ministry, if they were to exist. However, no documents were identified within the scope of your request therefore this is also refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

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