

2 June 2022

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By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H202205049

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 2 April 2022 for information regarding measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccines.

The total budget set aside for the campaign (\$40m > \$26m) and how much has been spent as of the time of reply

The national MMR vaccine campaign has been underway since June 2020. The total Ministry spend on MMR vaccines from June 2020 to March 2022 is \$26,600,425. The variance between the original estimated cost of \$40 million and the spend of approximately \$26 million to date is due to the vaccine administration reimbursement cost being less than originally estimated.

How many vaccines were administered

The total number of MMR vaccine doses administered under the MMR campaign from June 2020 to March 2022 is 22,095.

How many vaccines are still in stock (not administered or destroyed) and what their expiry date is

As you were advised on 9 May 2022, this part of your request was transferred to Pharmac under Section 14 of the Act. You can expect a response from Pharmac in due course.

How many people have died both from and with measles in 2020, 2021 and 2022 so far.

There have been no deaths from or with measles in New Zealand in the period 1 January 2020 to 12 May 2022.

*How many vaccines were purchased and when
How many vaccines were destroyed, and what their expiry dates were
The cost/value of those vaccines destroyed*

Information for these parts of your request is publicly available in response to the following parliamentary questions:

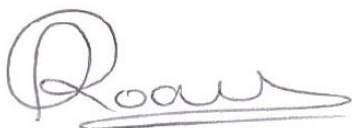
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- www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_09816_2022/9816-2022-dr-shane-reti-to-the-minister-of-health.

It is important to remember the COVID-19 pandemic's emergence in 2020 disrupted the health system of every country around the world and necessitated an all-of-sector response in New Zealand. Dealing with COVID-19 was a priority for the health sector and understandably impacted the measles campaign's progress. As a result, not all of the ordered MMR vaccine stock was able to be used as intended as much of the vaccination workforce were re-prioritised towards the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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 of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Yours sincerely



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