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By email: s 9(2)(a)
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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) on 2 June 2022 for information relating to Pfizer. You specifically requested:

“Pre purchase agreement between NZ Labour Govt. Cabinet and Pfizer drug company.”

The contracts between Pfizer and the New Zealand Government are withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act where their release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information. I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

However, under section 13, the Ministry is providing the attached Appendix 1 which contains the dates of each agreement executed. All agreements between Pfizer and the New Zealand Government were signed by the Director-General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, and the Minister of Finance, Hon Grant Robertson, with the exception of the original agreement on 22 December 2020 which was signed by Robyn Shearer who was Acting Director-General of Health at the time.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



Maree Roberts
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Appendix 1

Manufacturing and Supply Agreement

Between:

Pfizer New Zealand Limited

and

The Sovereign in Right of New Zealand acting by and through the Director-General of the Ministry of Health (or their authorised delegate) and, solely in respect of indemnity obligations, acting by and through the Minister of Finance

Executed 22 December 2020

Amendment to the Manufacturing and Supply Agreement

Between:

Pfizer New Zealand Limited

and

The Sovereign in Right of New Zealand acting by and through the Director-General of the Ministry of Health (or their authorised delegate) and, solely in respect of indemnity obligations, acting by and through the Minister of Finance

Executed 5 March 2021

Manufacturing and Supply Agreement

Between:

Pfizer Overseas LLC

and

The Sovereign in Right of New Zealand acting by and through the Director-General of the Ministry of Health (or their authorised delegate) and, solely in respect of indemnity obligations, acting by and through the Minister of Finance

Executed 12 May 2021

Second Amendment to the Manufacturing and Supply Agreement

Between:

Pfizer New Zealand Limited

and

The Sovereign in Right of New Zealand acting by and through the Director-General of the Ministry of Health (or their authorised delegate) and, solely in respect of indemnity obligations, acting by and through the Minister of Finance

Executed 7 September 2021

Third Amendment to the Manufacturing and Supply Agreement

Between:

Pfizer New Zealand Limited

and

The Sovereign in Right of New Zealand acting by and through the Director-General of the Ministry of Health (or their authorised delegate) and, solely in respect of indemnity obligations, acting by and through the Minister of Finance

Executed 10 September 2021

Fourth Amendment to the Manufacturing and Supply Agreement

Between:

Pfizer New Zealand Limited

and

The Sovereign in Right of New Zealand acting by and through the Director-General of the Ministry of Health (or their authorised delegate) and, solely in respect of indemnity obligations, acting by and through the Minister of Finance

Executed 22 October 2021

Fifth Amendment to the Manufacturing and Supply Agreement

Between:

Pfizer New Zealand Limited

and

The Sovereign in Right of New Zealand acting by and through the Director-General of the Ministry of Health (or their authorised delegate) and, solely in respect of indemnity obligations, acting by and through the Minister of Finance

Executed 21 December 2021

Sixth Amendment to the Manufacturing and Supply Agreement

Between:

Pfizer New Zealand Limited

and

The Sovereign in Right of New Zealand acting by and through the Director-General of the Ministry of Health (or their authorised delegate) and, solely in respect of indemnity obligations, acting by and through the Minister of Finance

Executed 23 February 2022