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### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 29 August 2022, for information regarding the purchasing of COVID-19 vaccines. You requested:

*“What plans do MoH have to purchase and roll-out the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 updated Omicron vaccine and/or Moderna/s bivalent Omicron vaccine. What timeline are we looking at?”*

Manatū Hauora does not have an existing agreement with Moderna for the supply of COVID-19 vaccines. The agreements that the Ministry holds are outlined here: [www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccines-available-new-zealand/covid-19-purchasing-vaccines](http://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccines-available-new-zealand/covid-19-purchasing-vaccines).

Manatū Hauora continues to monitor the evidence and developments occurring in the vaccine landscape to ensure New Zealanders have timely access to the best protection from COVID-19. Additionally, Manatū Hauora is working with suppliers of vaccines, such as Pfizer, to ensure we have access to the best protection from COVID-19.

From 1 July 2022 any new COVID-19 vaccine purchases are managed by Pharmac.

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](mailto: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 Manatū Hauora website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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