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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 27 December 2022 for:

*“What date was the COVID-19 vaccine purchase agreement signed?”*

Please note that for both Pfizer and Janssen COVID-19 vaccine purchasing, a term sheet agreement was signed before the definitive agreement.

A term sheet outlines the terms and conditions of a potential agreement and establishes the basis for future negotiations between a seller and buyer.

These were used to ensure early access to COVID-19 vaccines in New Zealand, subject to successful development. A definitive agreement is a binding contract that records the final terms and conditions between the companies (in this instance, between the vaccine suppliers and the New Zealand Government).

Dates for when COVID-19 vaccine purchasing agreements signed are outlined in the table below:

COVID-19 Vaccine Supplier	Term sheet signed by all parties	Definitive agreement signed by all parties
Pfizer	6 October 2020	22 Dec 2020
Janssen	18 Nov 2020	22 Dec 2020
Novavax	N/A	15 Dec 2020
AstraZeneca	N/A	15 Dec 2020

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Waldegrave', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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