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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your follow up request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 13 January 2025 for information regarding your previous response (H2024046068 refers) regarding COVID vaccines from New Zealand. Please see answers to your request below:

1. *Is the contracted freight forwarder that is referred to in this response Kuehne and Nagel?*

Yes, the contracted freight forwarder that is referred to in OIA response H2024046068 is Kuehne and Nagel.

2. *Please confirm if that is the case. If there are multiple contracted freight forwarders transporting Covid vaccines from New Zealand to the Pacific Islands please list them all.*

Bilateral donation of COVID-19 vaccines to Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, Tokelau, Tonga, Samoa and Tuvalu are transported by Kuehne and Nagel only.

3. *Does 'global mechanisms' refer solely to Covax or are there other mechanisms?*

Yes, this refers to solely COVAX.

4. *To what countries has New Zealand donated Covid vaccines to through global mechanisms?*

The Ministry of Health is aware of donations from New Zealand via COVAX to Malawi, Niger, South Sudan, Vanuatu, Mauritania, Cameroon, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Fiji.

5. *Has New Zealand has donated Pfizer Covid vaccines through the global mechanisms referred to in H2024046068 or just other COVID-19 vaccines products? If so please provide the number of Pfizer doses by vaccine type (eg adult monovalent purple cap,*

adult monovalent grey cap, bivalent, paediatric, infant) that have been donated through a global mechanism.

New Zealand has not donated Pfizer vaccines through global mechanisms. Vaccines donated through COVAX were AstraZeneca and Janssen. Information regarding these donations is publicly available through the following links:

- www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2021-22/OIA-27892-NZs-participation-in-the-COVAX-program.pdf.
- <https://fyi.org.nz/request/17271/response/67094/attach/html/4/H202114701.pdf.html>

6. *Where New Zealand donates Covid vaccines through global mechanisms, does any of the inventory hail from vaccines that have previously been receipted into New Zealand and not used in New Zealand? Or have all vaccines donated through the global mechanisms gone directly to the donee country without being receipted into New Zealand?*

All donations via global mechanisms (COVAX) were distributed directly to recipient countries and not from stock that was receipted and unused in New Zealand.

7. *If the answer to the first question in the above paragraph is yes with regard to Pfizer vaccines, please provide by batch the number of doses donated through global mechanisms from Pfizer vaccines receipted into New Zealand.*

Please refer to the previous response.

8. *Please provide any relevant indemnities New Zealand is party to with regard to both bilateral donations and donations through global mechanisms.”*

Donation agreements provided suppliers with oversight of vaccine donations, requirements for the safe delivery and storage of vaccines, support for pharmacovigilance, and indemnification by the Crown, through the Minister of Finance, for claims arising from vaccine use in certain donee countries. Information which may be of interest to you is publicly available through the following links:

- Indemnification for bilateral donations to Niue, Cook Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Samoa and Tokelau:
www.parliament.nz/resource/enNZ/PAP_111383/ffc692780e6c03ac2fc34e62e2e189509bd1ccce
- Indemnity request for donations through COVAX:
<https://www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2022-04/oia-20210435.pdf>
- Page 122-131: Treasury Report: Donating Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines to Fiji: indemnity request from MOH/MFAT for Pfizer: [Official Information Act Response 20210554 - Request for 41 documents - September 2021 - Received 18 Nov 2021 - Published Mar 2022 - The Treasury](#)

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 Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Old', written in a cursive style.

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