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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 the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 15 April 2021 for COVID-19 information. A copy of your full request is enclosed.

It appears you are asking the Ministry to comment on the accuracy of the COVID-19 death statistics, 'emphasis' on vaccination, herd immunity, statistics on people who have 'allegedly' tested positive and evidence that COVID-19 exists and, is highly contagious. While the Act enables people to request official information from the Ministry, it only applies to information it holds. There is no obligation to create information in order to respond to requests, nor is the Ministry obliged to provide an opinion. This query appears to be efforts to engage in a debate about the merits of the Government's response to COVID-19, rather than a legitimate request to the Ministry for official information. The Act does not support requests in which a requester quotes information and then seeks some form of comment on it, couched as a request for official information.

Therefore, I am refusing the parts one, two, four (b), four (c), seven, nine (a), nine (b), 11 to 13, 14 (c) and 15 to 17 of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

Regarding part three of your request, COVID-19 vaccine data is publicly available and is updated regularly: [www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-vaccine-data](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-vaccine-data).

In response to part four (a) of your request, guidelines when certifying causes of death for people who died of, or with COVID-19 are also publicly available: [www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/burial-and-cremation-act-1964/completing-death-documents/covid-19-deaths](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/burial-and-cremation-act-1964/completing-death-documents/covid-19-deaths).

The Ministry has previously responded to part five of your request and is published at: [www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h202002810.pdf](http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h202002810.pdf).

Regarding part six of your request the number of individuals who were confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases and indicated comorbidities is outlined in the table below.

Number of Comorbidities	Confirmed/Probable COVID-19 cases
0	2,212
1	168
2	13
3	1
4	2

In response to part eight of your request, the Ministry only holds the number of cases in hospital and intensive care by age and sex: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-current-cases#case-details>.

Regarding part nine (c) of your request, testing statistics are publicly available: [www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/testing-covid-19](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/testing-covid-19) whilst part nine (d) of your request about COVID-19 funding allocation and expenditure is also publicly available: [www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/budgets/covid-19-funding-allocation-expenditure](http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/budgets/covid-19-funding-allocation-expenditure).

The Ministry has previously responded to part 10 of your request and is published at: [www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h202007576\\_18\\_nov\\_2020.pdf](http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h202007576_18_nov_2020.pdf).

In response to part 14 (a) and (b) of your request, the costs associated with obtaining COVID-19 vaccines is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.

For your reference, the following links may be of interest to you:

- World Health Organization's global research on COVID-19 - [www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/global-research-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov](http://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/global-research-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov)
- COVID-19 testing plan and testing guidance - [www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-testing-plan-and-testing-guidance](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-testing-plan-and-testing-guidance)
- COVID-19 vaccine safety and approval: [www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-safety-and-approval](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-safety-and-approval)
- Guide to reporting adverse reactions: [www.medsafe.govt.nz/profs/puarticles/adrreport.htm](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/profs/puarticles/adrreport.htm)
- Advice for all health professionals: [www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-health-professionals/covid-19-advice-all-health-professionals](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-health-professionals/covid-19-advice-all-health-professionals)

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 Ministry 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).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Allan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nick Allan  
**Manager OIA Services**  
**Office of the Director-General**

**Copy of original request:**

'COVID – 19' RESPONSE TEAM  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing with regard to the 'COVID-19 Comirnaty Vaccine' manufactured by Pfizer – BioNtech which is currently being given to New Zealand adults.

From information that I have gathered over the last 5 months, it would appear that there is ongoing significant deaths and injection related injuries associated with the Pfizer – BioNtech "vaccine" in America (CDC website), and England (MHRA website), as well as other nations around the world.

It would also appear that there has been a fragmented global approach to collating statistics which has made it extremely difficult for people to interpret and compare data from different countries. This is absolutely appalling considering the fact that top WHO scientists and statisticians have had ample opportunity to implement unified results given that it has been declared that this is an 'unprecedented' pandemic.

Under the Official Informations Act 1982, I would be most grateful to be provided with the following information, with all this information included in ONE response so as not to confuse the reply, and under the SAME question numbers, with ALL questions being answered.

Please note that I do not wish to be directed to any other 'body' representing the MOH, or any laboratory for the answers to these questions, as the leading agency responsible for the Covid – 19 management YOUR department should have at hand the answers to my following questions:-

ONE:-

Given that the UK Government admitted in their National Press on 12 April 2021 that up to 25 % of their 'deaths with 'Covid-19' figures were wrong and they should have been recorded as 'death from Covid-19', is it the NZ Ministry of Health's intention to adjust the current New Zealand statistics to better accurately reflect the deaths attributed to 'Covid-19'? I bring to your attention that the FOI request obtained by Vonny Marsh on 18 June 2020 identified that of the 21 deaths attributed to 'Covid-19', there were 5 deaths where people who had died had not been tested or had tested negative to Covid-19.

TWO:-

Given that the current COVID -19 Comirnaty 'Vaccine" manufactured by Pfizer – BioNtech has only been provisionally approved by Medsafe, it would appear that there has been immense concern from them regarding the safety, and efficacy of this injection which are reflected in the 58 conditions they have asked to be answered / met before it is given full approval.

Please advise HOW the Ministry of Health is going to 'closely monitor' for side effects of the national trial of this injection in the thousands of people that have been injected to date?

THREE:-

In the current government statistics regarding 'COVID-19 injection injuries' from the Pfizer – BioNtech Covid-19 Comirnaty mRNA injection, there does not appear to be any indication that anybody who has died since the roll out of the 'vaccine' on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 had been vaccinated with this injection. There have been numerous 'reports' that at least 5 people have died following 'vaccination'.

a)Therefore, I would like to ask if there is currently a publicly accessible register available which indicates in the statistics if a person has been vaccinated for 'Covid-19'?

- b) If there is not currently a publicly accessible register, is it the intention of the Ministry of Health to keep a publicly accessible register?
- c) Please advise WHO will be responsible for collecting this data?
- d) Please advise WHERE will this data be recorded so that ALL members of the public can have EASY access to it?
- e) If there is no current register available for public access, please advise WHY this has not been initiated given the in-depth statistics that the nation are continually bombarded with every single day?

FOUR:-

- a) Have ALL doctors in New Zealand been instructed to record on a person's death certificate if they have received any vaccine, but also including a 'vaccine' to prevent Covid-19 / reduce its transmission / reduce its severity?
- b) If they have, please provide evidence that requests have been made to the Medical Council of New Zealand of this.
- c) If doctors have not been advised to record on a person's death certificate that they had previously been vaccinated, is it the intention of the Ministry of Health to advise them to do so that an accurate account of a person's vaccination status can be recorded for this VITAL collection of data?

FIVE:-

- a) Have there been any statistics collated from ALL of those people who have allegedly tested positive since March 2020 with the symptoms of Sars-Cov 2, which indicate if they have previously vaccinated with the influenza vaccine administered in 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020?
- b) If there are no statistics available, is it the intention of the Ministry of Health to start recording this VITAL information pertaining to this issue?

SIX:-

- a) Have there been any statistics collated from ALL of those people who have allegedly tested positive with the symptoms of Sars-Cov 2, which indicate how many co-morbidities they had at the time of diagnosis with Sars-Cov 2?
- b) If there are no statistics available, is it the intention of the Ministry of Health to start recording this VITAL information pertaining to this issue?

SEVEN:-

- a) Have there been any statistics collated from ALL of those people who have allegedly tested positive with the symptoms of Sars-Cov 2, which indicate what treatment was required to manage their symptoms they had at the time of diagnosis with Sars-Cov 2?
- b) If there are no statistics available, is it the intention of the Ministry of Health to start recording this VITAL information pertaining to this issue?
- c) If there has been no statistics collated as to how people's symptoms have been managed, how do we as a nation then establish effective treatment strategies for this 'deadly virus'?

EIGHT:-

- a) Have there been any statistics collated from ALL of those people who have allegedly tested positive with the symptoms of Sars-Cov 2, which indicate if that person required GP intervention, Hospital admission, Intensive Care admission in order to manage their symptoms they had at the time of diagnosis with Sars-Cov 2?
- b) If there are no statistics available, is it the intention of the Ministry of Health to start recording this VITAL information pertaining to this issue?

NINE:-

It would appear that given the advertising on TV, Radio and social media, the emphasis to 'eradicate' Covid-19 there has been NO recent advertising / postal drops / literature made

available to the public who do not have access to the internet as to what other options are available for preventing Covid-19.

- a) Please explain why there is such an emphasis on 'vaccination;' when there are other proven, cheaper options available to boost the immune system?
- b) Given that each PCR test costs in the region of \$200 per test and is 'free' to the public, please advise WHY no free vitamins, and supplements have been given out to boost the immune system of out most vulnerable age groups?
- c) Please evidence how many PCR tests have been undertaken at the time of your response to this FOI request,.
- d) Please evidence how much this has cost our nation, and how the MOH can justify spending this money when the PCR tests have been proven to give false results, which have resulted in further lockups of our nation, with ensuing health, social and financial implications.

#### TEN:-

Please provide all evidence that Sars - COV 2 has been isolated, purified and identified using all four Koch's postulates in New Zealand.

The process involved in this identification process must have been taken directly from a living human being, where the sample has not been contaminated with any other source of genetic material, antibiotics or sterilising products.

Please also provide the above information pertaining to the 'new variants, and the 'double variant' that has been 'identified in ALL the testing that has been used in New Zealand since the first 'case' was identified.

#### ELEVEN:-

Please provide FULL evidence as to ALL the cycle threshold ranges that were undertaken from March 2020 to date , which suggested that the PCR tests showed that Sars-Cov 2 had been isolated, purified and identified on ALL of those who have to date been forced to quarantine / isolate themselves from the public due to their 'infection' risk.

#### TWELVE:-

Please evidence the MOH's independently obtained scientific evidence which proves that Sars – Cov 2 is so highly contagious, and that a 'non-syptomatic' person can carry and spread the symptoms of Sars-Cov 2.

#### THIRTEEN:-

The MOH state that the 'Covid-19 vaccine' is free. That is not necessarily true given that New Zealand's tax payers money has been used to pay for the 'research' into it, and for the purchasing of it from Pfizer – BioNtech.

#### FOURTEEN:-

- a)Please evidence how much has been spent to date on that research, and obtaining ALL Pfizer – BioNtech 'Covid - 19 vaccines'.
- b) Please also include how much has been given already to secure future doses given the 'variants' that are allegedly already causing problems for our nation.
- c) Please evidence what assets the NZ government has been asked to 'rrelinquish' to Pfizer to ensure 'securement' of enough funds to pay for future 'vaccination' against Sars-Cov 2, or Covid 19.

#### FIFTEEN:-

What happened to all the ventilators that were being built to support all those people who would need ventilation when the crisis reached New Zealand?

#### SIXTEEN:-

Have any additional nursing staff, anaesthetic staff, ICU staff, ambulance staff been trained in the last 13 months to ensure that New Zealand is able to cope with the impending crisis of this highly contagious and deadly 'virus' that the MOH has portrayed to the New Zealand public?

I am sure you do not need reminding that there is continual bombardment of our nations TV, radio, newspapers, and social media regarding this 'deadly virus', which has warranted 5 million people being 'forced' to obey social distancing rules, wearing face masks, 'lockup rules' on 3 occasions already in 13 months, and which is now requiring 'vaccination' to ensure 'herd immunity' is achieved?

SEVENTEEN:-

- a) Could 'herd immunity' have been more easily obtained by ensuring our borders remain open and people who 'tested' positive not been forced to 'isolate' themselves?
- b) Could 'herd immunity' have been considerably more cheaper to obtain rather than closing our borders and implementing devastating lockups, and for '5 million' to be 'vaccinated'?

Thank you in advance for your timely response to this request

Yours sincerely

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