



7 September 2022

§ 9(2)(a)

By email: § 9(2)(a)
Ref: H2022010675

Tēnā koe § 9(2)(a)

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 21 August 2022. You requested:

“Please provide information related to smallpox vaccine deliveries to New Zealand, 2002 or later. Including for each delivery: the delivery date, vaccine tradename, quantity of doses delivered, expiry date and quantity at hand today.”

There has been one importation of Smallpox vaccines since 2002. The stock Elstree BN5 was received in May 2004 with the expiry date of 30 September 2006. The delivery was of 10,000 doses made up of 10 full packs which contain 10 vials of viral vaccine (each containing 100 doses) and 10 vials of diluent. Currently there are 8,300 doses of Elstree BN5 made up of 8 full packs and one partial pack which contains 3 vials of viral vaccine and 4 vials of diluent.

The below written parliamentary questions include how many vaccines are in stored at the Institute of Environmental and Scientific Research (ESR).

- www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_28563_2022/28563-2022-dr-elizabeth-kerekere-to-the-associate-minister
- www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_26749_2022/26749-2022-dr-shane-reti-to-the-associate-minister-of

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 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.

Nāku noa, nā



Dave Henderson
**Group Leader, Intelligence, Surveillance and Knowledge
Public Health Agency, Ministry of Health**