

Reference: 20210485

3 November 2021



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 21 September 2021 by the Ministry of Health. On 11 October, part 6 of your request was transferred to the Treasury. You requested:

The contract that was established and signed between the Ministry of Health and the New Zealand Government and Pfizer surrounding the purchasing and subsequent administration of the Pfizer/Bio tech Comirnaty vaccines within New Zealand. Including any certificates of liability.

Information to be withheld

Having considered your request under the Official Information Act, your request for information on the contract between the Crown and Pfizer and BioNTech is withheld in full under the following section of that Act:

- 9(2)(b)(ii), commercially sensitive information– *to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.*

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

Jess Hewat
Manager, Health and ACC