

5 December 2023

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Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00030289

Thank you for your email on 20 September 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“...for each vaccine with a pre-purchase agreement

- 1. The number of doses purchased (paid for)*
- 2. The number of doses actually received*
- 3. The number of doses actually given in the arm (the Vaccine register can provide you with the info for this)”*

I am responding to each of your questions as follows:

1. The number of doses purchased (paid for)

As advised to you on 27 October 2023, this part of your request asks for information which is more closely aligned with the functions of Pharmac. For this reason, Te Whatu Ora transferred this part of your request to Pharmac under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

2. The number of doses actually received

This information was provided in our response to you on 20 September 2023 (HNZ00025408 refers). Please refer to column C of the attached spreadsheet of that response (total received).

3. The number of doses actually given in the arm (the Vaccine register can provide you with the info for this)

In order to provide the information requested, Te Whatu Ora would need to divert personnel from their core duties and allocate extra time to complete this task. The diversion of these resources would impair Te Whatu Ora's ability to carry out our other core functions. As such, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as it would require substantial collation.

Information on the number of doses administered can be found at <https://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/our-health-system/data-and-statistics/covid-vaccine-data/>

You also asked on 20 September 2023 in a separate email the following question:

What's the difference between Covid Adult Pfizer 30mcg Monovalent and Covid Adult Pfizer Original?

The only difference between these vaccines is the buffer. The Adult Pfizer Original being a PBS/sucrose, and the 30 mcg monovalent being Tris/sucrose. The 30 mcg monovalent does not have a requirement to dilute prior to administration whereas the original requires dilution. You can search Medsafe database for information about each vaccine

<https://www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/dbsearch.asp>

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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