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Tēnā koe Aly

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 (Manatū Hauora) on 11 December 2023 for information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine adverse events. Each part of your request is responded to below.

The number of people vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine during the period November 2022 to December 2023

As you were advised on 14 December 2023, this part of your request was transferred to Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora in due course.

The number of adverse events reported to CARM related to the Pfizer vaccine during the period November 2022 to December 2023
The number of deaths reported to CARM in relation to the Pfizer vaccine during the period November 2022 to December 2023."

In accordance with section 18(d) of the Act, this information is publicly available at the following link: www.medsafe.govt.nz/Projects/B1/ADRDisclaimer.asp.

The number of Serious adverse events reported to CARM related to the Pfizer vaccine during the period November 2022 to December 2023

The number of reports/events that were considered serious (other than fatal) was 20,559. Please note, there was a change in assignment of 'serious' from the case level to the event level, meaning that some cases have more than one serious event and are therefore counted more than once.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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