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Subject: Extension of time for responding to request, ref: H2024044128 CRM:0001537

Kia ora Wendy,

Thank you for your request for official information transferred from Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 10 June 2024 requesting:

“Question 1: When were the ‘Vaccine Ministers’ established and disestablished? They are mentioned in a 12 August 2022 Cabinet Paper; see www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/20221239_covid-19_vaccine_portfolio_update_-_transfer_and_donation_0.pdf

Question 2: Please advise the names of the Vaccines Ministers, and their Chair (if there was one), and the length of time they operated as Vaccine Ministers (e.g. some may have changed over time).

Question 3: How did the role of Vaccine Minister come about and how did it operate in practice? Was this like a subcommittee of Cabinet Ministers (please explain)? Was there a terms of reference? (if yes, please provide)? Who provided advice to the Vaccine Ministers? For example, did this advice come from Pharmac and/or a vaccination advisory group of some sort, etc). Please explain and list advisors.

Question 4: What was the date the ‘COVID-19 vaccine purchasing and portfolio management’ was transferred to the Vaccine Ministers? We note that the Cabinet paper above stated that on 1 July 2022, the COVID-19 vaccine purchasing and portfolio management transferred to Pharmac? Can you provide the date it was transferred from Pharmac to the Vaccine Ministers? And/or was this responsibility with another party that was then transferred to the Vaccine Cabinet Ministers?

Questions 13: Who made the decision not to include the stock of COVID-19 vaccines in the

National Reserve Supply (NRS)? And why?

FYI; the stock of H5N1 vaccines are currently included in the composition of the NRS.

Date agreement signed and number of doses.

Number of doses purchased (plus date)."

The Ministry has decided to extend the period of time available to respond to your request under section 15A of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

You can now expect a response to your request on, or before, **30 July 2024**.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to extend the time available to respond to your request.

Ngā mihi

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