

Hiring back of unvaccinated staff in the health sector

Erika Whittome made this Official Information request to Ministry of Health

Response to this request is **delayed**. By law, Ministry of Health should normally have responded **promptly** and by **September 29, 2023** ([details and exceptions](#))

From: Erika Whittome

September 02, 2023

Dear Ministry of Health,

A response to an official information act request revealed there 357 nurses, 26 doctors and 64 midwives who left as a result of the New Zealand government's vaccination order up to March 2022 . More left after requirements for boosters. <https://fyi.org.nz/request/18233/respons...>

(<https://fyi.org.nz/request/18233/response/72150/attach/5/OIA%20Response%20to%20Chuck%20Spooner%201.4.22%20Vaccination%20Mandate.pdf>)

Given the vaccination orders were repealed in Sept of 2022.

Since Sept 2022, how many of these health professionals have you hired back? Please would you provide this data by dhb.

How many vacancies do you currently have for each dhb?

Yours faithfully,

Erika Whittome

From: OIA Requests

September 04, 2023

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Tçnâ koe Erika

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatû Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 2 September 2023.

Manatū Hauora does not hold any information relating to your request; however, I have been advised that this information is more closely connected to the functions of Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to their agency under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora in due course.

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: [1][**email address**] or by calling 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

OIA Services Team

Manatū Hauora | Ministry of Health

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U[3]nite against COVID-19

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From: hnzOIA

September 04, 2023

Tēnā koe,

Thank you for contacting Te Whatu Ora, Health NZ. This is an automatic reply to confirm that we have received your email. Depending on the nature of your request you may not receive a response for up to 20 working days. We will try to respond to your query as quickly as possible.

Ngā mihi

Te Whatu Ora, Health NZ.

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From: hnzOIA

October 02, 2023

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Tçnâ koe Eric

I refer to your request which was transferred to Te Whatu Ora on 4 September 2023, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

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url=https%3A%2F%2Ffyi.org.nz%2Frequest%2F18233%2Fresponse%2F72150%2Fattach%2F5%2FOIA%2520Response%2520to%2520Chuck%2520Spooner%25201.4.22%2520Vaccination%2520Mandate.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Coiagr%40health.govt.nz%7C2ed0014fb78a498b83f408dbab1fec0b%7C23cec7246d204bd19fe9dc4447edd1fa%7C0%7C0%7C638291925820053620%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VTvKSUszasn%2FYbeeAUAXLu%2FWPxQ7CHpicQTxviBJYrY%3D&reserved=0)

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This email is to let you know that Te Whatu Ora needs more time to make a decision on your request.

The Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to 31 October 2023.

This extension is required because the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [2][**email address**]

If you are not happy with this extension, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at **www.ombudsman.parliament.nz** (<http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

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Te Whatu Ora Ministerial Team

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References

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2. [mailto:\[email address\]](mailto:[email address])

From: Erika Whittome

October 07, 2023

Dear hnzOIA,

I am concerned that you “consult” for a decision for the response to this official information act request. The official information act requires that you answer the questions and supply the information, not “consult”.

Kindly answer the request for information with the information please which is required under the official information act.

Yours sincerely,

Erika Whittome

Elly K left an annotation (October 07, 2023)

Erika, please refer to s15A(1)(b) of the Act.

From: Erika Whittome

October 07, 2023

Dear hnzOIA,

I'd like to know before the general election 14 October please

Yours sincerely,

Erika Whittome