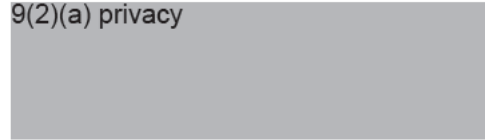




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**Official Information Request**  
**Our Ref: OIA 2026-0066**

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) transferred in part to the Public Service Commission (the Commission) from the Office of Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Health, on 24 March 2026 asking:

1. *Item 1: [Is]...Ashley Bloomfield vaccinated with covid vaccines?*
2. *Item 15: How much did ashley bloomfield get paid for his role*
3. *Item 16: What was ashley bloomfields job description...*
4. *...[and Ashley Bloomfield's] contract?*

For clarity, I have renumbered the different parts of your request into numerical order.

**Information publicly available – parts two and three**

The Commission proactively releases documents associated with the appointment of chief executives to provide transparency to the public. The documents relating to the appointment of Sir Ashley Bloomfield as Director-General and Chief Executive of the Ministry of Health are publicly available on the Commission's website at the link provided in the table below and include the job description you have requested.

The Commission also publicly reports on chief executive remuneration. Remuneration is disclosed to the nearest thousand dollars, in line with standard accounting practice and Ombudsman guidance, to balance transparency with privacy. A link to this information is also provided in the table below.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1	May 2018	<b>APPOINTMENT PAPERS</b> Including the Position Description for the role of	<a href="#">Appointment-Director-General-of-Health-and-Chief-</a>

		Director-General and Chief Executive at page 9	<a href="#">Executive-Ministry-of-Health.PDF</a>
2	2018-2022 ie the period Sir Ashley Bloomfield was employed as Director-General and Chief Executive	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE REMUNERATION DISCLOSURE</b>	<a href="#">Chief executive remuneration - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission</a>

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the OIA on the grounds the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the OIA, on the grounds described in the documents.

#### **Information being withheld – parts one and four**

Sir Ashley Bloomfield’s vaccination status and health information constitute sensitive personal information. An employment agreement is likewise a confidential arrangement between the individual and the employer.

I have therefore decided to withhold this information in full under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of individuals, including that of deceased natural persons.

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

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this response (with your personal details removed) on the Commission’s website.

Yours sincerely



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