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Official Information Request
Our Ref: OIA 2026-0067

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?*

You updated your request on 24 March 2026:

"Item number 1 has been modified by the organisation who sent this to you. Below is what it should have said

1. *Are Jacinda Arden, Chris Hipkins and Dr Ashley Bloomfield vaccinated?*

I would also like to add another question:

5. *Was there anyone member of parliament at the time when most other New Zealanders had to have "2 shots for summer" that didn't have a vaccination passport? If so who?"*

For clarity, I have renumbered the different parts of your request above 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 (including the position description) are publicly available on the Commission's website at the link provided in the table below.

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	APPOINTMENT PAPERS Including the Position Description for the role of Director-General and Chief Executive at page 9	Appointment-Director-General-of-Health-and-Chief-Executive-Ministry-of-Health.PDF
2	2018-2022 ie the period Sir Ashley Bloomfield was employed as Director-General and Chief Executive	CHIEF EXECUTIVE REMUNERATION DISCLOSURE	Chief executive remuneration - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission

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.

Information does not exist – part five

Members of Parliament (MPs) are elected office-holders, not public servants, and they are not employed by the Public Service or the Commission. As a result, the Commission does not hold any employment or health information relating to MPs.

Upon consulting to transfer this part of your request to the Parliamentary Services, they confirmed they did not hold this information.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA on the grounds the Commission does not hold the information requested and has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact 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 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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