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Thank you for your email of 8 July 2026 to the Treasury, in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). On 17 July 2026 the following part of your request was transferred from the Treasury to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) under section 14(b) of the OIA for response:

"May I please have all information regarding New Zealand's contribution and investments to global health (i.e., health investments outside of New Zealand) for each year from 2020 through 2026.

These include, but not limited to, contributions to the World Health Organization, Global Fund, GAVI alliance and/or vaccine donations, and bilateral and multilateral arrangements, as well as investments towards disease eradications (e.g., HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria), disease surveillance, laboratory networks, global maternal and reproductive health, and research and development.

I would like the budget allocations, policy plans, as well as any cabinet discussions on these matters. Please forward to other appropriate governmental departments as necessary."

On 31 July 2026 the Ministry contacted you to discuss the scope of your request, because as it was originally framed it captured a significant volume of information.

On 4 August 2026, you offered to refine the scope of your request to be for:

"Pursuant to the OIA 1982, I request information relating to New Zealand Government funding and policy for global health activities undertaken outside New Zealand for the period 1 January 2020 to the date this request is processed. Specifically, I request:

- 1. Annual funding allocations and actual expenditure, by financial year where available, for New Zealand's contributions to international global health initiatives, including:*
 - the World Health Organization (WHO);*
 - vaccine donations or other international health commodity donations; and*
 - other bilateral or multilateral global health programmes administered or funded by the New Zealand Government.*

2. *Any Cabinet papers, Cabinet minutes, or Cabinet decisions from 2020 onwards that concern:*
 - *funding for international global health initiatives;*
 - *changes to New Zealand's global health funding priorities; or*
 - *significant decisions relating to New Zealand's participation in international global health programmes.*
3. *Any strategy, policy, or briefing documents produced from 2020 onwards that set out the Government's approach or priorities for international global health assistance or investment."*

Response to your request

Your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. In assessing the scope of your original request and your suggested refinement, officials from the Ministry's Development People and Planet Division undertook searches for relevant documents. This search has identified that there are an estimated 11 divisions that hold documents in scope of your request, with an estimated average of 150 documents per Division. Determining what material falls within scope of either request would therefore require extensive manual review and would have a significant and unreasonable impact on the Ministry's ability to carry out its other functions. However, information that may be of interest to you publicly available on the Ministry website at devdata.mfat.govt.nz/.

Please note, Cabinet papers are proactively released by Ministers on a regular basis. You may be able to find some of the information you are seeking on the Ministry's website at www.mfat.govt.nz/en/media-and-resources or, on the Ministry of Health's website at www.health.govt.nz/.

If you would like, one of our Policy Officers would be available to have a discussion with you regarding your interest in Global Health. If you would like to have this discussion please contact the Ministry at DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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