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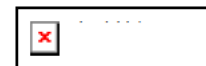
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Friday 12 March 2021



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Good morning - please find the latest COVID-19 related coverage below.

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Behold the vaccine king

Australian Financial Review (AFR) by Stephanie Baker; Cynthia Koons; Vernon Silver

Friday 12 March 2021, 12:00am AEDT - Pages 1, 6, and 7

Pandemic As the head of Pfizer, Albert Bourla is able to dictate which countries win or lose. Not everyone is happy, write Stephanie Baker, Cynthia Koons and Vernon Silver. It's not every day that a head of government goes to...

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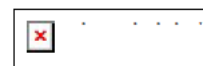
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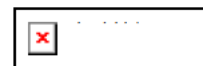
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Monday 12 April 2021



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Covid-19 crisis a pep pill for image of Big Pharma

The Australian by The Economist

Sunday 11 April 2021, 8:29pm AEST

The impossible can many times become possible, reflects Albert Bourla, boss of Pfizer. He is talking about the giant American drugmakers speedy development with BioNTech of Germany of a vaccine against COVID-19. The sentiment also applies to the turnaround in...

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; [Neil, John](#)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; [Steel, Lee](#); [Grigson, Paul](#); [Frame, Alison](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii) [DLO](#)
Subject: RE: Draft letter to Pfizer [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Wednesday, 5 May 2021 8:24:39 AM
Attachments: [Joint letter - PM and Hunt to Bourla - Delivery of Pfizer vaccinations.pdf](#)

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Please find attached signed letter to Dr Bourla.

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Departmental Liaison Officer
 Office of the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP
 MG 8, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 4 May 2021 5:38 PM
To: Neil, John
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Steel, Lee ; Grigson, Paul ; Frame, Alison ; s 22(1)(a)(ii) ;
 DLO
Subject: Re: Draft letter to Pfizer [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
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Sent from my iPhone

On 4 May 2021, at 4:26 pm, Neil, John <John.Neil@pmc.gov.au> wrote:

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Hi [REDACTED] as discussed earlier, attached is a draft letter to Pfizer from the PM and Minister Hunt.

I understand this version will shortly go to Minister Hunt for his agreement and signature and then will come to you for the PM's approval.

Cheers

John

John Neil (he/him) | a/g Assistant Secretary | **Health COVID-19 Priorities**
 Social Policy Division | **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

T: s 22(1)(a)(ii) | **E:** john.neil@pmc.gov.au

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235 East 42nd Street
NEW YORK CITY NY 10017

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Noting the levels of demand for your vaccine around the world, the recent statements from the US administration in relation to the export of products are a welcome development that will increase vaccine availability globally. The success of the US rollout and the ability for the US to make doses available to the rest of the world, is a testament to the supply of Pfizer vaccines to support the US rollout.

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I thank you for your consideration of our urgent request and look forward to continuing our important partnership with Pfizer Inc.

Yours sincerely

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From: [Neil, John](#)
To: [DLO](#)
Subject: RE: Letter from the Hon Scott Morrison MP and the Hon Greg Hunt MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 5 May 2021 11:07:36 AM
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Thanks [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (and thanks for following this up last night and this morning and getting it signed!)

Cheers
John

From: DLO

Sent: Wednesday, 5 May 2021 10:08 AM

To: [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) ; Neil, John

Cc: [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) ; Steel, Lee ; Grigson, Paul ; Frame, Alison ; [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) ; DLO

Subject: FW: Letter from the Hon Scott Morrison MP and the Hon Greg Hunt MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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H [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#), John

For awareness, the letter has been sent to Anne Harris, Managing Director, Pfizer Australia & New Zealand, for the attention of Dr Bourla.

Regards

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From: Minister Hunt <Minister.Hunt@health.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 5 May 2021 9:33 AM

To: [s 47G\(1\)\(a\)](#)

Cc: [s 47G\(1\)\(a\)](#)

Subject: Letter from the Hon Scott Morrison MP and the Hon Greg Hunt MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Ms Harris,

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Best regards

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Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Joint letter - PM and Hunt to Bourla - Delivery of Pfizer vaccinations.pdf](#)

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Morning,

As discussed, please see Pfizer letter attached

Kind regards

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Hunt downplays Rudd's Pfizer 'intervention'

The Australian by Jess Malcolm

Monday 12 July 2021, 12:00am AEST - Page 4

Former prime minister Kevin Rudd in a “private capacity” lobbied the chief executive of Pfizer, Albert Bourla, to accelerate the delivery of Covid-19 vaccines to Australia. The ABC reported those representations, made in June, came after a senior Australian business...

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ABC News by By

Sunday 11 July 2021, 7:19pm AEST

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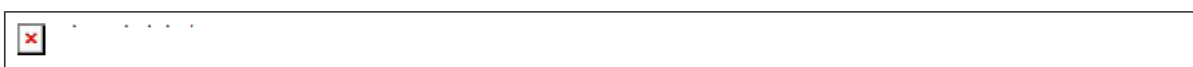
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To: [Harris, John](#)
Cc: [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) [s 47E\(d\)](#) [FOI](#)
Subject: New PMO FOI request - PMO/2021/041 - [s 47F](#) - Communications re Procurement and Supply of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 12 July 2021 5:52:27 PM
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Dear John

Please see attached a new FOI request received by the Department of the Prime Minister, on Saturday 3 July 2021, from [s 47F](#) in the following terms:

Any records dated 1 April 2020 to 12 July 2021 that confirm verbal and written communication relating to the procurement and supply of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine to Australia between;

- *the Prime Minister and or,*
- *the Prime Ministers Office and or,*
- *any employee, officer or representative of either and;*

- *Dr Albert Bourla, Pfizer Inc. Chairman and CEO and or,*
- *any Senior Executive of Pfizer Inc. and or,*
- *any employee or representative of Pfizer Inc. and or,*
- *The Hon Kevin Rudd, 26th Prime Minister of Australia*
- *The Hon Greg Hunt*

These records may include but are not limited to documents that provide details, specifically; dates, location, attendees, addressees, recipients, and organiser or author of;

- *past and future meetings.*
- *meeting requests made.*
- *meeting requests denied.*
- *meetings cancelled.*
- *phone calls made.*
- *phone calls received.*
- *phone calls not taken.*
- *written phone messages.*
- *text messages.*
- *voice messages.*
- *email correspondence.*
- *calendar entries.*
- *written correspondence such as letters, fax.*
- *memos.*
- *formal contractual requests, amendments.*
- *purchase orders raised for the supply of the vaccine.*

any other documentation that confirms verbal or written communication relating to the procurement and supply of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine to Australia.

Next steps

Once you have considered the terms of the FOI request, please let us know:

- If valid, are the terms of the FOI request sufficiently clear to enable identification of

relevant documents, if they exist?

- if such documents exist, do they satisfy the definition of 'official document of a Minister' in section 4 of the FOI Act?
- if the terms of the request are sufficiently clear, is the FOI request able to be processed without substantially and unreasonably interfering in the performance of the Prime Minister's functions?

Timeframes

If valid, the current due date for notifying the applicant of a decision in relation to the request is

11 August 2021.

We would be happy to discuss this FOI request.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii) | A/g Senior FOI Advisor

FOI and Privacy Section | Legal Policy Branch

Government Division | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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One National Circuit Barton ACT 2600 | PO Box 6500 CANBERRA ACT 2600

From: s 47F
To: [FOI](#)
Subject: FOI Request
Date: Monday, 12 July 2021 1:05:02 PM

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Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Kindest regards,

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International Update

Health

- Media is reporting that “the **chief executive of Pfizer** has warned about the reputational risks of fast-tracking a COVID-19 vaccine, as governments put pressure on pharmaceutical companies to deliver an inoculation to bring the pandemic to an end. Albert Bourla said the **US** drugmaker would never submit any vaccine for authorisation before it felt it was safe and effective.” (Financial Times)

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From: [PMC COVID-19](#)
Subject: Morning Snapshot on COVID-19 Saturday 27 June [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Saturday, 27 June 2020 7:47:07 AM
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[PM's Morning Snapshot - COVID-19 - 27 June 2020.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

Please find attached the following for Saturday 27 June 2020

- Morning Snapshot

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Kind regards,

Reports Team

Disaster Preparedness and Response

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

1 National Circuit Barton ACT 2600 | PO Box 6500 CANBERRA ACT 2600





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COVID-19 AM Snapshot – 27 June 2020

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- Albert Bourla, **Chief Executive of Pfizer**, said the pharmaceutical company has prepared for a “conflict” between countries over distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine, by developing two separate manufacturing supply networks in the US and Europe. (FT)

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From: DLO
Sent: Thursday, 1 July 2021 9:30 AM
To: MCU - MinCorro
Cc: DLO; s 22(1)(a)(ii) Harris, John; COVID-19 Health Response Section
Subject: VIP - Rudd - Pfizer meeting [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: VIP - Rudd - Pfizer meeting.pdf

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Hi MCU

Please register the attached to the COVID Health team in SPD.

I expect NFA is fine but s 22(1)(a)(ii) let us know if you'd like a response to this drafted.

Thanks

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The Honourable Kevin Rudd AC
26th Prime Minister of Australia

Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House, Canberra
Email: s 47E(d)

30 June 2021

Dear Prime Minister Morrison,

As I mentioned to you earlier today, I had a scheduled call with Albert Bourla, Chairman and Chief Executive of Pfizer, Inc.

I used the call as an opportunity to congratulate Pfizer on their outstanding research and development and their success in producing so early a world-class COVID-19 vaccine. We also discussed Pfizer's current challenges and the political pressures they face around the world for an intellectual property waiver to expedite the supply of vaccines to developing countries. We follow these debates closely through our think tank operations in Washington – and Pfizer's ongoing negotiations with the United States Trade Representative.

I also used the call as an opportunity to ask Dr Bourla whether there was any possible way, given Pfizer's current international contractual obligations, to advance the dispatch of significant quantities of the Pfizer vaccine to Australia as early as possible in the third quarter this year. My understanding was that there were current contractual arrangements with the Australian Government to deliver a total 40 million doses by the end of 2021. I did so not as a representative of the Australian Government, but purely in my private capacity as an Australian citizen who cares for his country's wellbeing.

Dr Bourla indicated that they had limited flexibility because of their existing supply obligations around the world. Nonetheless, he also indicated that a number of their manufacturing facilities were producing ahead of schedule. In response to my representations, Dr Bourla said he would personally look at "what further might be able to be done". I thanked Dr Bourla for that.

Dr Bourla indicated that, if it became physically possible to bring forward delivery, he would require a further formal contractual request from the Australian Government to that effect. I replied that that was understandable. I added, of course, that would be a matter for the Australian Government and that I would pass this on to you.

Speaking on my own initiative, I floated the possibility of Australia perhaps seeking a large-scale advance order of Pfizer's 2022 vaccine "booster" which, from what I have read, is still under development. I speculated that it might perhaps be possible for the Australian Government to consider a commercial offer for the 2022 booster that would also incorporate a bringing-forward of the current order for the 2021 vaccine into the early part of the third quarter of this year.

Once again, I emphasised to Dr Bourla that this was speculation on my own part, rather than me acting in any way on behalf of the Australian Government.

As Dr Bourla lives in New York, we also agreed to catch up when I return there later this year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Rudd', with a stylized, cursive script.

Hon Kevin Rudd AC