

10 September 2020

By email: [REDACTED]
Ref: H202006140

Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 14 August 2020 for:

“A tally of the total number of CBD products Distributed to patients, based on Section 29 notifications, for the months of June and July, and, a Tally of the total amount of patients currently approved for the use of non pharmaceutical Cannabis products.”

Part one of your request is being interpreted as “the total number of packs of CBD containing products reported to have been supplied under section 29, for the months of June and July 2020”. This information is summarised in Table 1 below. Please note that the number of packs relate to the number supplied as notified to, and received by Medsafe, up until 14 July 2020.

Month	June 2020	July 2020
Number of packs	2002	1842

As at 14 August 2020, there are 240 active approvals under regulation 22 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977 for non-pharmaceutical grade medicinal cannabis products. Note that non-pharmaceutical grade products containing CBD only are prescription medicines only and patient-specific approval under regulation 22 is not required.

I trust that this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Medsafe website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', with a large loop at the top and a horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Chris James
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