

16 August 2021

s 9(2)(a)

By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H202009413

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 26 July 2021 for:

"Please could you supply me with data on medicines containing cannabidiol (CBD) and/or tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) supplied under Section 29 during the period April 2018 to June 2021. I am specifically seeking pack numbers broken down by

- INN/generic name,*
- Trade Name,*
- Dose form and*
- Strength,*

for each month during the time period, as per the data collected by the Medsafe Declaration Notification Form for medicines supplied pursuant to Section 29 of the Medicines Act 1981.

Please also provide the total number of packs for each month across all pack forms."

Information regarding the number of packs supplied, broken down as requested, is withheld under section (9)(2)(b)(ii) of the Act as releasing this information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. This information is also withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

We can provide you with information about the total number of packs supplied during the requested timeframe by month. I have also included data on these medicines prior to April 2018 for your reference. Appendix One contains information about the total number of packs of product supplied containing CBD. Appendix Two contains information about the total number of packs of product supplied containing THC. Information about the total number of packs of product containing both CBD and THC is supplied in Appendix Three.

Please note that Sativex has consent for distribution as a medicine, and so supply of Sativex is not included in the figures supplied. Information on the supply of Sativex is not held by either the Ministry of Health or Medsafe.

I trust 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. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', is positioned above the printed name.

Chris James
Licensing Authority
Medicinal Cannabis Agency

Appendix One: Number of packs supplied up to 30 June 2021 containing cannabidiol

2017

Month	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	1	0	0	0	0	27

2018

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	45	46	74	122	160	247	171	160	241	355	184	315

2019

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	266	177	280	360	532	299	619	464	1328	573	1208	887

2020

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	1002	1355	1644	1175	1325	1914	1982	1870	2436	1621	2874	2766

2021

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
No. of packs	1891	2445	2774	1972	2656	2403

Appendix Two: Number of packs supplied up to 30 June 2021 containing tetrahydrocannabinol

2019

Month	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	3	2	4	4	4	16

2020

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	9	0	9	0	10	25	18	0	24	34	47	53

2021

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
26	26	181	68	158	0	280

Appendix Three: Number of packs supplied containing both tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol

2017

Month	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	4	8	4	9

2018

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	7	16	18	13	16	21	17	19	17	28	21	24

2019

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	22	25	14	28	38	39	15	10	57	33	60	24

2020

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	33	54	63	101	74	110	117	110	164	234	230	315

2021

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
No. of packs	87	213	132	550	548	668