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Tēnā koe § 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 28 January 2022 for:

“The annual number of cancer screenings and surgeries for the last 10 years”

The number of cervical cancer screenings is publicly available here:
<https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nsu-ncsp-coverage/>.

The number of breast cancer screenings is publicly available here:
<https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nsu-bsa-coverage-dhb/>.

The number of bowel cancer screenings is provided in the table below. Information for bowel screening is not yet publicly available as this newest cancer screening programme has not yet completed its first national screening round of two years. Once this is completed in 2024 the National Bowel Screening Programme will look to publish its data in the same way that BreastScreen Aotearoa and National Cervical Screening Programme do.

Please note that the National Bowel Screening Programme commenced implementation in 2017. The annual number of screens has increased over the last four years as the programme became available in more regions across New Zealand. This data shows the number of individuals who have returned a FIT kit with a definitive result during the reporting period.

Table 1. Number of bowel cancer screenings: National Bowel Screening Programme

Pre 2017	N/A
2017	69,251
2018	72,640
2019	141,772
2020	173,391
2021	262,144

The Ministry is also providing you with the number of cancer surgeries from 2012/2013. In this context ‘cancer surgeries’ are defined as casemix surgical events with a primary diagnosis of cancer as reported to the National Minimum Dataset (NMDS).

Please note, the 2021/22 is from July to December 2021 only. The other years include a complete 12 months of data.

Table 2. Number of cancer surgeries from July 2012 to December 2021

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 (Jul to Dec)
Cancer Primary Diagnosis	18,859	19,698	20,482	21,317	22,033	22,432	22,077	21,578	22,310	11,592

I trust this 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 of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā



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