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By email: s 9(2)(a)
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Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 16 March 2022. You asked:

*"How many full term abortions have occurred since latest abortion bill was changed. (is it 2yrs since changes to decriminalise).
How many in the 6yrs prior. (to give an idea of frequency, increase decrease or the same).
not necessary but helpful if you - could you confirm that these abortions where under (tragic) medical advice could say what dhb's"*

The Ministry has reviewed the abortion notification data for the time period requested. We have no records of any abortion at 37 weeks or after either prior to or post the abortion law reform in 2020.

Abortion statistics for 2012 to 2020 are publicly available at:

- www.justice.govt.nz/tribunals/abortion-supervisory-committee/annual-reports/.
- www.health.govt.nz/publication/abortion-services-aotearoa-new-zealand-annual-report-2021.

Statistics for 2021 will be published later this year on the Ministry website.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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