

4 July 2022

s 9(2)(a)

By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H202207359

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 2 June 2022 for information regarding medicinal cannabis. Please find a response to your request below.

For the months of January through April 2022:

How many units of CBD Product were notified under Section 29 of those, how many were for Synthetic CBD?

How many units of dried flower product were notified under Section 29?

How many units of other Medical Cannabis products not dried or considered CBD products, were notified under Section 29?

The number of packs of medicinal cannabis products supplied under the exemption provisions in section 29 of the Medicines Act 1981 between January and April 2022 were provided in an OIA response published on the Ministry's website. This can be found here:

www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests/information-cannabidiol-tetrahydrocannabinol-products.

The number of packs containing synthetic CBD, dried flower products, and other medicinal cannabis products, broken down as requested, is withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(ba)(i), to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and
- 9(2)(b)(ii), where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.

Where information is withheld under section 9, I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris James
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Medicinal Cannabis Agency