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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 7 June 2022. Your request has been broken down into parts and responded to below:

*I wish to request under the Official Information Act the following information:-
The number of medical abortions notified to the Ministry on 2021?
The number of surgical abortions notified to the Ministry in 2021?
The number of complications reported to the Ministry that resulted from medical abortions performed in New Zealand in 2021?
The nature of these complications resulting from medical abortions performed in 2021?
The number of complications reported to the Ministry that resulted from surgical abortions performed in New Zealand in 2021?
The nature of these complications resulting from surgical abortions performed in New Zealand in 2021?*

The abortion data you are seeking for the 2021 period has not yet been finalised and quality checked. The data will be finalised in the coming months between July and August 2022, and the Ministry intends to publish the requested information in the Annual Abortion report in October 2022.

The time frame that complications from abortions are required to have occurred in to qualify for reporting to the Ministry?

Abortion Notification Reporting to the Ministry collects information on complications experienced after the abortion was performed, prior to discharge from service.

The Annual Report 2021 from Abortion Services Aotearoa containing abortion statistics for 2020 can be found on the Ministry's website at:

www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/abortion_services_aotearoa_new_zealand_and_annual_report_2021_8_oct.pdf.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Gu'.

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