

12 October 2022

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By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H2022012727

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) to Manatū Haoura (the Ministry of Health) on 15 September 2022. You requested:

“Could you please update the recent sales of medicinal cannabis products as per the Appendix 1 attached to this OIA response (H202206795).

I would like to see the sales of May June July and August 2022 please.”

The information provided in Appendix 1 attached to this response relates to the number of packs supplied each month under the exemption provisions in section 29 of the Medicines Act 1981.

When considering these data, it is important to note:

- That the number of packs supplied cannot be used to determine the number of prescriptions or the number of patients.
- Reporting information is supplied retrospectively and therefore the number of packs reported as supplied in this response is accurate at the time of preparing the response but may change if additional reports are received.
- 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 Manatū Haoura 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 Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Yours sincerely



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APPENDIX 1**Number of packs of products containing cannabidiol****2022**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	2140	2315	2618	2380	3163	3030	2912	3404				

Number of packs of products containing tetrahydrocannabinol**2022**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	404	325	373	372	429	396	626	425				

Number of packs of products containing both tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol**2022**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of packs	790	580	1075	1177	1068	911	1830	2586				

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