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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 Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 14 November 2022 for data relating to abortions. Manatū Hauora will respond to your request in turn:

Could you please provide the following data related to abortions for the years ended December 2019, 2020, 2021.

Induced Abortions by Duration of Pregnancy (weeks), including 20-25 weeks, 26-30, 31-35, and 36-40 weeks

The data for induced abortions by duration of pregnancy for the years ended December 2019, 2020, 2021 is attached as Appendix 1

How many abortions by consideration of “pregnancy result of sexual violation”, “Danger to Life and/or Physical Health or other”, “Danger to Mental Health”, “Handicapped child”

Induced Abortions over 20 weeks by Grounds for Abortion

This part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held for the years ended December 2020 and 2021. Information on grounds for Abortion was collected in 2019 and is publicly available in the Abortion Supervisory Committee (ASC) Annual report 2020, available here: www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/ASC-Annual-Report-2020.pdf.

Induced Abortions by Ages - under 14, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

The data for induced abortions by age is outlined in the table below.

Table 1: Number of induced abortions by age

Age	2019	2020	2021
Under 14	5	7	4
14	18	19	26
15	55	55	60
16	107	91	121
17	223	194	229
18	356	390	317
19	478	498	505

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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Induced Abortions by Duration of Pregnancy (weeks)

Estimated Gestation (Weeks)	2019	2020	2021
<5 Weeks	17	106	135
5	237	812	1115
6	1137	2200	2517
7	2113	2848	3002
8	2676	2491	2405
9	2172	1560	1257
10	1418	965	854
11	1090	694	604
12	731	563	496
13	538	310	242
14	232	165	154
15	155	121	109
16	126	102	87
17	111	88	85
18	73	70	49
19	31	27	42
20	21	23	20
21	16	35	30
22	18	18	14
23	3	17	14
24	16	8	5
25	5	7	5
26	6	6	2
27	2	5	5
28	0	1	1
29	1	3	4
30	2	1	3
31	0	0	0
32	1	0	0
33	0	0	0
35	0	0	0
36	0	0	1