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§ 9(2)(a)

By email: § 9(2)(a)
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Dear § 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 28 November 2022 for information regarding psychoactive substance licenses. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

Can you please provide further detail on the substance involved in the research license surrendered by TDDA Omega Laboratory Services Limited?

*TDDA Omega Laboratory Services Limited
TDDA Omega Laboratory Services Limited
PO Box 300647, Albany, Auckland 0752
Surrendered
RES1004/18/1*

This is also to request the details of the substance approved for a research licence that was issued to the Department of Corrections:

*Department of Corrections
Department of Corrections
Private Box 1206, Wellington, 6140
Licence issued
RES1008*

Licences granted under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013 are not substance specific. However, licensees are required to provide the Authority with their stocktake report in accordance with regulation 14 of the Psychoactive Substances Regulations 2014.

The stocktake reports are withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 6(c) – as its release would likely prejudice the maintenance of the law regarding the detection of offences.
- Section 9(2)(ba)(i) - to protect the 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.
- Section 9(2)(k) – to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or advantage

I have considered the countervailing public interest in releasing information and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

Can you please explain what 'surrendered' means in this context, and if it refers to another party can you please include information on this other party(s).

I refer you to section 23 of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013 which defines surrender of licence. Section 23 states the following:

- (1) If a licence holder ceases to undertake the activity to which a licence relates, the licence holder must, within 30 days of ceasing to undertake the activity, surrender the licence to the Authority.
- (2) A licence holder may surrender a licence at any other time.
- (3) On receiving a licence under subsection (1) or (2), the Authority must cancel the licence.

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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