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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was transferred from the Public Service Commission to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 13 January 2023. You requested:

"Detailed information, under the OIA, about the NZ Dental Council's company structure."

The Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA Act) established a body corporate (the Dental Council) as the authority appointed in respect of the professions of dentistry, dental hygiene, clinical dental technology, dental technology, and dental therapy. Further information about this can be found in section 114(2) of the HPCA Act at: www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2003/0048/latest/DLM203312.html.

The Dental Council's most recent Annual Report (to 31 March 2022) notes that the Council is a charitable organisation registered under the Charities Act 2005. Further information can be found here: www.dcnz.org.nz/resources-and-publications/publications/annual-reports/

In accordance with section 120 of the HPCA Act, the Minister of Health appoints the members of the Dental Council. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has no role in the appointment process.

For further information regarding the Council's company structure, you will need to contact the Dental Council directly. Their contact details can be found at: <u>www.dcnz.org.nz/about-the-dental-council/who-we-are/contact-us/.</u>

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: <u>info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> 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: <u>www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests</u>.

Nāku noa, nā

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