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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 17 September 2023 for information regarding funding to Medsafe.

On 19 September 2023, you were contacted by Manatū Hauora and asked to clarify the year for which you were seeking this information for. On the same day you advised you would like information for the 2022/23 financial year.

What is the annual budget for Medsafe?

Information relating to your request is publicly available on the Treasury's website on the Vote Health – The Estimates of Appropriations 2023/24 document. Please refer to page 60: <https://budget.govt.nz/budget/pdfs/estimates/v5/est23-v5-health.pdf>.

Does any money to fund Medsafe come from other than New Zealand Government sources? If so, how much and what are those sources?"

Medsafe receives revenue from fees that accompany applications for licences and approvals under the Medicines Act 1981 and the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975. Fees payable are set in the regulations accompanying these Acts. A detailed schedule of fees can be found on Medsafe's website at: www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/fees.asp#licences.

For the 2022/23 financial year Medsafe received \$12.5 million in revenue from applications for licences and approvals. The revenue received will include licenses to operate a pharmacy and fees paid by organisations such as, but not limited to universities, parts of the health sector, and in some cases, individuals as well as fees by the various parts of the pharmaceutical industry.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', with a light blue circular stamp or watermark behind it.

Chris James
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