

18 December 2023

§ 9(2)(a)

By email: § 9(2)(a)
Ref: H2023033150

Tēnā koe § 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 22 November 2023 for information regarding Medsafe funding. You requested:

*“Could you also please specify how much money each of the top five companies (listed below) gives to Medsafe annually?
1 Pharmacy Retailing (NZ) Ltd t/a Healthcare Logistic
2 Novartis New Zealand Ltd
3 Viartis Limited
4 Pfizer New Zealand Limited
5 AFT Pharmaceuticals Ltd”*

Your request has been withheld in full under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely damage the public interest. I have considered the countervailing public interest in releasing information and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

We have however supplied you with a previous response (H2023032367 refers). This response lists Medsafe’s funding and revenue broken down.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

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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