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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 13 May 2024 as part of a media query you made to the Ministry. You requested:

“The number of medicinal cannabis products exported out of New Zealand in 2023 (ideally in the calendar year), including the number of CBD and dried flower products exported.”

Monthly reporting records provided to the Medicinal Cannabis Agency demonstrate that a total of 4.5g of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) was exported in the 2023 calendar year. Please note that this data represents quantity of active ingredient exported, and not the total quantity of medicinal cannabis product exported.

Please note, we have interpreted medicinal cannabis product to be finished dosage product, and excludes starting material, or samples exported for analytical purposes.

Cannabidiol products are excluded from reporting requirements. As such this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

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 Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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