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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 21 September 2024 for information regarding induced abortions. You requested:

*“The number of induced abortions in New Zealand by Duration of Pregnancy for 2022 for each week from 5 or more weeks to 25 weeks and over.”*

Please find attached as Appendix 1 the summaries of duration of gestation, delineated by weeks, for the year 2022. You requested “*from 5 or more weeks*” gestation. For completeness in reporting, the Ministry has also included the category “*below 5 weeks’ gestation*”. Finally, due to low numbers of abortion access at gestations above 23 weeks, this information has been included as one category “*greater than 23 weeks’ gestation*” to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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## Appendix 1

<b>Weeks' Gestation</b>	<b>Year 2022</b>
<5	107
5	620
6	1782
8	2852
9	2883
10	2194
11	1032
12	804
13	611
14	446
15	254
16	133
17	105
18	104
19	73
20	44
21	26
22	23
23	22
>23	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>14164</b>

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