

By email: [REDACTED]
Ref: H202005124

Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 10 July 2020 for:

“Can I please have the tally of total number of packs of products defined as CBD products reported to have been supplied under Section 29 of the Medicines act, for the months of May and June 2020

Can I also have the tally of total active approvals for Ministry approvals for the following categories of Cannabis products for the same months?

Pharmaceutical grade products without consent

Non-Pharmaceutical grade products without consent”

The information you have requested is summarised in the tables below.

Part one of your request is being interpreted as “the total number of packs of CBD containing products reported to have been supplied under section 29, for the months of May and June 2020”. Please note that the number of packs relate to the number supplied as notified to, and received by Medsafe, up until 10 July 2020.

Table 1: Number of packs of products containing Cannabidiol (CBD) reported as having been supplied under section 29 of the Medicines Act 1981		
Month	May 2020	June 2020
Number of packs	1301	1242

Table 2: Total number of active approvals for medicinal cannabis controlled drug products, issued under Regulation 22 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977		
Month	Active Approvals	
	Pharmaceutical grade products without consent	Non-pharmaceutical grade products without consent
May 2020	Nil	114
June 2020	Nil	129

I trust that 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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Medsafe website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris James
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