

25 August 2020

By email: [REDACTED]
Ref: H202005977

Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

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

"I'm after some information on the number of licenses that have been issued to grow medicinal Cannabis in New Zealand to date if this is possible?"

I'm doing a business plan and want to look at how many others are doing the same thing and to what capacity?"

Is it possible to get from you any statistics on licenses that have been issued, their location and volumes that will be produced.

I understand there could be privacy issues but i don't need to know their contact details etc"

The Misuse of Drugs (Medicinal Cannabis) Regulations 2019 came into effect on 1 April 2020. From this date anyone who wishes to cultivate cannabis for a therapeutic reason in New Zealand must apply for a Medicinal Cannabis Licence with cultivation activity.

As of 11 August 2020, the Medicinal Cannabis Agency (the Agency) has issued four Medicinal Cannabis Licences with cultivation activities. The predicted total weight of cannabis that is a proposed to be cultivated across the 4 licences is between 8,880kg and 15,380kg. Due to privacy reasons, the Agency does not release application information including names, contact details, or locations of the license holders.

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.

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

Yours sincerely



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