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By email: ██████████
Ref: H202100370

Dear ██████████

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 25 January 2021 for:

“...the exact number of GP prescriptions issued for medical cannabis products since the Medical Cannabis Scheme came into force on April 1 2020.”

The information relating to your request does not exist as the Medicinal Cannabis Agency does not record the number of prescriptions. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

You may be interested in relevant information on the Medicinal Cannabis Scheme at the following link: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/medicinal-cannabis-agency/medicinal-cannabis-agency-information-health-professionals.

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.

Yours sincerely



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