

7 September 2022

s 9(2)(a)

By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H2022009129

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 1 August 2022 for:

“Detailed information on the New Zealand industrial hemp industry for the year ended 31 June 2022...

... Please supply the following break downs for the year:

- 1. Number of General and Research & Breeding licences, by region.*
- 2. Breakdown of General licences between growing and processing/other by region.*
- 3. Number of applications for all licence types which were declined, by region.*
- 4. By variety and region the hectares grown, for seed and fibre. – Please report R&D areas and multiplications separately as the varieties are not able to be given.*
- 5. In total the area approved for cultivation and the area actually grown in each year.”*

The information you have requested is attached as Appendix 1 to this letter and released to you in full.

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. 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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1. "Number of General and Research & Breeding licences, by region"

Number of active Industrial Hemp (General) Licences and Industrial Hemp (Research & Breeding) Licences as at 30 June 2022, by DHB

DHB	Industrial Hemp (General) Licences	Industrial Hemp (Research & Breeding) Licences
Bay of Plenty	2	0
Canterbury	39	5
Capital and Coast	0	0
Counties Manukau	3	1
Hawkes Bay	3	0
Lakes	1	0
MidCentral	4	1
Nelson Marlborough	2	1
Northland	2	1
South Canterbury	8	1
Southern	14	3
Tairāwhiti	3	0
Taranaki	5	0
Waikato	4	0
Wairarapa	0	0
Waitemata	2	0
West Coast	1	0
Whanganui	3	2
Total	96	15

2. "Breakdown of General licences between growing and processing/other by region"

Number of active Industrial Hemp (General) Licences that authorise cultivation as at 30 June 2022, by DHB

DHB	Licensed activities include cultivation	Licensed activities exclude cultivation
Bay of Plenty	1	1
Canterbury	28	11
Counties Manukau	2	1
Hawkes Bay	2	1
Lakes	1	0
MidCentral	3	1
Nelson Marlborough	2	0
Northland	2	0
South Canterbury	7	1
Southern	14	0
Tairāwhiti	2	1
Taranaki	5	0
Waikato	4	0
Waitemata	2	0
West Coast	1	0
Whanganui	1	2
Total	77	19

3. “The number of applications for all licence types which were declined, by region”

Number of applications declined for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, by DHB

DHB	Number of licence applications declined
Canterbury	3
Counties Manukau	1
Hawkes Bay	2
Lakes	1
Nelson Marlborough	1
Total	8

Please note:

- Of the declined applications, 5 related to applications for new licences and 3 related to applications to amend a licence (including requests to extend the expiry dates of existing licences).
- Of the declined applications, 7 related to licences for Industrial Hemp (General) Licences and 1 related to a licence for Industrial Hemp (Research & Breeding) Licences.

4. “By variety and region, the hectares grown, for seed and fibre. Please report R&D areas and multiplications separately as the varieties are not able to be given”

Reported area cultivated under Industrial Hemp (General) Licence for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, by DHB and cultivar

DHB	Cultivation area (hectares)												Total
	A1 HCFX	A1 MACMONO	A1 Monopurp	Aotearoa 1	CFX-1	CFX-2	CRS-1	Ferimon 12	Finola	Futura 75	Katani	Kompol ti	
Bay of Plenty												0.0214	0.0214
Canterbury					19	10	34.75	10.5	10.75				85
Hawkes Bay							12						12
Lakes												0.07	0.07
MidCentral							73.4	0.0138					73.4138
Nelson Marlborough												54.0167	54.0167
Northland												0.25	0.25
South Canterbury						10				10			20
Southern	0.008	0.5	0.008			0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0172		15.565	0.0173	16.1125
Tairāwhiti							7						7
Waikato												9	9
Waitemata												0.02	0.02
West Coast				0.25									0.25
Total	0.008	0.5	0.008	0.25	19	20.0005	127.1505	10.5143	10.7672	10	15.565	63.3954	277.1544

Reported area cultivated under Industrial Hemp (Research & Breeding) Licence for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, by DHB

DHB	Cultivation area (hectares)
Canterbury	0.4107
MidCentral	0.02
Nelson Marlborough	0.0033
Northland	0.25
Southern	0.04
Whanganui	0.054
Grand Total	0.778

Please note:

- The information outlined above is based on annual reports held by Medicines Control as at 8 October 2021 (note. in a number of annual reports a specific cultivation area has not been reported by the licence holder, and has been estimated by Medsafe). The annual reports cover the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

5. “In total the area approved for cultivation and the area actually grown in the year”

Maximum cultivation area licensed as at 30 June 2022 (hectares)	1,501.23
Cultivation area grown (hectares)	277.15

Please note:

- The information outlined above refers to Industrial Hemp (General) Licences only.
- The figure for cultivation area grown is based on the data provided above, in response to question four.

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