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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 Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 31 October 2022 for information regarding provision of abortion care in New Zealand in 2021. You requested:

“The number of induced abortions/terminations of pregnancy performed in New Zealand between the 1st of January 2021 and the 31st of December 2021 by gestational age (in weeks) at: <8 weeks, between 8 and 12 weeks, between 13 and 16 weeks, between 17 and 20 weeks, and after 21 weeks.”

As you may be aware, Manatū Hauora is now responsible for publishing an annual report on Abortion Services work programme. This reporting supports the sector with service planning and research activities. Please find in the table below a breakdown of the number of induced abortions and the respective gestation age at the time of abortion.

Gestation at time of abortion procedure	<8 weeks	8-12 week	13-16 weeks	17-20 weeks	21 and over	Total
Total number	6,769	5,616	592	196	84	13,257

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 Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

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