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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 2 November 2022 for information regarding the regulatory impact statement (RIS) on regulating natural health products. You requested:

*“Can you please provide me with a copy of the Ministry QA Panel’s report/analysis/comments/recommendations?”*

The Ministry’s Papers and Regulatory Committee (the Committee) is responsible for providing quality assurance on RIS. The Committee considered this RIS in their meeting of 21 May 2021.

Two of the Committee’s documents for that meeting are within scope of your request. Excerpts from these documents are provided to you under section 16(1)(e) of the Act. Please find these detailed below.

1. An excerpt from the Minutes of the Committee’s meeting of 21 May 2021:

*Review of  
Regulating natural  
health products RIS*

*PARC had the following feedback for Brigid Borlase:*

- *PARC thought the RIS was clear, concise, complete, consulted and mostly convincing*
- *PARC had a few minor refinements to make the RIS more convincing*
- *Suggest making status quo as option one*
- *Section 2.4, page 11 Rongoā Māori, suggest rephrasing from “two respondents” to “a few” or “some” as they are representing views from a peak body*
- *Suggest not using the word “illegal” in relation to natural health products (post dietary supplements regulation expiring)*
- *RIS needs a proofread.*

2. An excerpt from the Committee's Quality Assurance Statement dated 21 May 2021:

*"The Ministry QA panel has reviewed the Impact Statement titled "Regulating Natural Health Products", produced by the Ministry of Health and dated 20 May 2021. The panel considers that the Impact Statement meets the quality assurance criteria. The Impact Statement is clear, concise, consulted, complete and convincing. The analysis addresses the decisions sought from Cabinet, is balanced in its presentation of the information and the major impacts are identified and assessed."*

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](mailto: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](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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