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By email: **s 9(2)(a)**
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Tēnā koe **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 (the Ministry of Health) on 29 December 2022, for information regarding the Therapeutic Products Bill (the Bill) and the Medicinal Cannabis Scheme. You requested:

“..any and all modelling and reports produced on the impact of the proposed Therapeutic’s Products bill and medical cannabis scheme on patient assess and cost”

Manatū Hauora has conducted a search for modelling on the Therapeutic Products Bill (the Bill) impact on patient assess and cost and found no documents in scope of your request. Therefore, that part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Please note that, the Bill is enabling legislation and will require a range of secondary legislation, rules and regulations to bring it into effect. This will take a couple of years. Secondary legislation relating to matters of patient access and cost will be consulted with the sector and will be analysed carefully in terms of its net benefits. This would include regulations that impose fees, charges and levies.

I have included some publicly available information which may be of use to you:

Reports on the impact of the Bill on patient assess and cost is outlined in the Regulatory Impact Statements (RIS) for the Bill. These RIS discuss the balancing of factors which led to the final form of the Bill: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/therapeutic-products-regulatory-regime. In particular, I draw your attention to the RIS that examined different options for pharmacy ownership.

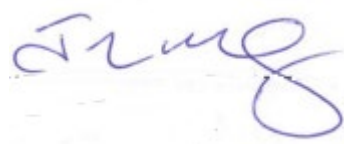
The Medicinal Cannabis Scheme Impact Assessment:
www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/medicinal_cannabis_scheme_impact_assessment-10dec19.pdf.

General information about the Medicinal Cannabis Scheme: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/medicinal-cannabis-agency/medicinal-cannabis-agency-background-information.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. McGrath', is positioned above the typed name.

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