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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 24 January 2022 for information regarding the Therapeutics Products Bill (the Bill). Information in response to each part of your request is outlined below:

“With the current Therapeutics Products Bill currently in front of the select committee, please provide me with the evidence, scientific peer reviewed studies and other documentation being used to support the rationale on why this bill is required.”

Manatū Hauora has published information regarding the Therapeutics Products Regulatory Regime on our website here: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/therapeutic-products-regulatory-regime>. Please refer to the publicly released Cabinet papers and regulatory impact statements for the rationale on why the Bill is required and the intended purposes of the Bill.

Please also provide me with how many people have died or been hospitalised due to taking supplements or natural remedies in the last 10 years and the name of the supplement or natural remedy that caused it.”

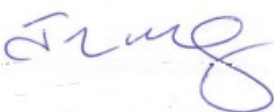
You may also wish to review a previously released response under the Act, which provides data from 2018 to 2021 and further reference to 2013 to 2017 data:

www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h2022018873_response.pdf.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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