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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 3 February 2023 for information regarding abortion services. You requested:

*“The expected date for the release of the Abortion Services New Zealand annual report for 2022?  
The reason for the delay for the release of the abortion statistics for 2021?  
The provisional total of abortions reported in New Zealand for 2021?  
The provisional total of early medical abortions reported in New Zealand for 2021?  
The provisional total of abortions reported in Canterbury for 2021?”*

The Abortion Services Aotearoa New Zealand: Annual Report 2022, which reports on the data of the year 2021, was released and published on the Manatū Hauora website on 28 October 2022. The report can be found at: [www.health.govt.nz/publication/abortion-services-aotearoa-new-zealand-annual-report-2022](http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/abortion-services-aotearoa-new-zealand-annual-report-2022). There was no delay in publishing the report. The Annual Report for the year 2022 will be released in late October 2023.

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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