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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 7 February 2023 for assisted dying service data. You requested:

*“Are you able to provide me with any latest assisted dying service data, other than the data published on 30 September 2022? In particular, it would be interested to know the number of assisted deaths to date (noting these were 214 as at 30/09/22).*

*Given my audience, I also welcome any specific information you can provide in relation to the role of nurse practitioners (or nurses) with any assisted deaths and/or relevant information in relation to their ongoing role.”*

Manatū Hauora is currently preparing a quarterly report for publication on our website which will include assisted death data up to the end of December 2022. We estimate this data will be published by the end of this month. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information will soon be publicly available here: [www.health.govt.nz/our-work/life-stages/assisted-dying-service/assisted-dying-service-data-and-reporting](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/life-stages/assisted-dying-service/assisted-dying-service-data-and-reporting).

Information for health professionals regarding the assisted dying service is publicly available on our website here: [www.health.govt.nz/our-work/life-stages/assisted-dying-service/information-health-professionals](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/life-stages/assisted-dying-service/information-health-professionals).

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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