

9 March 2023

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By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H2023020015

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 9 February 2023 for information regarding the Medsafe group's budget. I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

Can I have copies of Medsafe's income and expenditure for each of the past 5 years broken down as far as possible to align with activities such as compliance, new medicine approvals, changes to medicine labelling, pharmaceutical medicines, dietary supplement regulations psychoactive drugs, etc.

Information regarding the Medsafe group's income and expenditure since 2017/2018 is appended as Table 1. The revenue stated is third party revenue only. Medsafe also receives Crown funding for some activities such as, medical device regulation, however, this is not reported at operational level.

Can I also have the number of FTE staff for each of those years including the number with each of the following related qualifications: medical, nursing, pharmacy, natural health, Rongoa rakau (plant medicines)?

Please refer to the table below which outlines the staff FTEs for the Medsafe group, as at 30 June 2022 for the last five years. This does not include casual employees or employees seconded into the Ministry.

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Staff FTE	65.19	70.29	70.95	72.99	85.09

On 6 March 2023, Manatū Hauora contacted you in accordance with section 18B to of the Act, as your request was for a very large volume of information and may be refused under section 18(f) as it could not be made available without substantial collation or research. This is as this would require searching through the Human Resources files of every employee within Medsafe. On the same day you responded submitting a new request for information relating to the Therapeutic Products Bill, however, you did not refine the scope of the current request. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act.

As required under the Official Information Act 1982, Manatū Hauora will endeavour to respond to your new request regarding the Therapeutic Products Bill no later than 20 working days after the day your request was received. If you'd like to calculate the timeframe, you can use the Ombudsman's online calculator here: <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

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 'Chris James', written in a cursive style.

Chris James
Group Manager
Medsafe

Table 1: Medsafe income and expenditure for the past 5 years.

		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Medsafe	Third-Party Revenue	(9,069,785)	(10,716,691)	(10,446,615)	(11,928,572)	(11,903,535)
Medsafe	Controllable Expenses	12,091,534	13,079,438	13,283,693	14,003,438	14,701,205
Medsafe Administration	Third-Party Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Medsafe Administration	Controllable Expenses	0	(1)	-	-	51
Compliance activities	Third-Party Revenue	(394,691)	(486,091)	(449,671)	(503,494)	(517,189)
Compliance activities	Controllable Expenses	1,883,414	1,879,336	1,964,120	2,061,423	2,200,171
Pharmacovigilance, clinical trials	Third-Party Revenue	(643,662)	(845,698)	(683,534)	(1,101,420)	(939,371)
Pharmacovigilance, clinical trials	Controllable Expenses	513,778	703,615	474,303	765,449	715,606
Medicines Control activities	Third-Party Revenue	(1,781,999)	(1,963,963)	(1,779,688)	(1,810,243)	(1,695,395)
Medicines Control activities	Controllable Expenses	1,820,613	1,861,627	1,752,481	1,864,106	1,994,497
Vaping* and Medicinal Cannabis Regulatory Authorities and Regulatory Practice Group	Third-Party Revenue	2,609	(7,798)	(276,669)	(570,136)	(476,817)
Vaping* and Medicinal Cannabis Regulatory Authorities and Regulatory Practice Group	Controllable Expenses	392,763	488,163	1,237,065	1,074,709	1,058,988
Assessment of new and changed medicines	Third-Party Revenue	(6,252,041)	(7,413,140)	(7,257,052)	(7,943,278)	(8,274,762)
Assessment of new and changed medicines	Controllable Expenses	7,480,965	8,146,697	7,855,723	8,237,752	8,731,891

*Note the Vaping Regulatory Authority was transferred from Medsafe on 1 July 2022.