

10 March 2023

s 9(2)(a)

Email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H2023020072

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 11 February 2023 for information regarding the review of the Medicinal Cannabis Scheme. You requested:

“...any and all documents that contain the current schedule or timetable of review and decision making for the medical cannabis scheme review as at February 11th 2023”

One document has been identified within the scope of this request. The requested document is appended to this letter and is released to you in full.

Whilst the document states that it was updated 12 December 2022, we can confirm that this was the version of the document on file as at 11 February 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 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.

Yours sincerely



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Provisional Timeline (updated 12 December 2022):

Note – likely no Cabinet dates September and October due to election so a one month delay anywhere in the timeline may result in a three month delay in overall implementation. The timeline to get the draft policy paper by March is already tight.

Deliverable	Provisional date
Publication of consultation document; submissions open	December 2022
Submissions close	End of January/ Early February 2023
Post consultation analysis	February 2023
PARC departmental consultation	March 2023
Draft Cabinet policy paper and submissions analysis report to Minister	5 April 2023
Ministerial consultation on Cabinet paper (SWC) begins	April 2023
Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee approval	3 May 2023
Consultation on incorporation by reference – when we have Cabinet approval on proposed changes, if these include agreement to add monographs etc to the regulations, then we need to make these references available for public consultation for inclusion in the Regulations by the Legislation Act. Needs to occur before drafting of regulations.	May 2023
Drafting of regulations – minimum 4 weeks	May-June 2023
Ministerial consultation on Cabinet paper (LEG) begins	November 2023
Cabinet Legislation Committee considers regulations	November 2023
Executive Council, regulations gazetted	November 2023
Amendments come into force	December 2023