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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 30 March 2023. I will respond to each part of your request below.

*1. The list of MAAC (Committee) members for the past 12 years.
As MAAC are taxpayer funded it is your duty to provide ALL NAMES of all members of the Committee.*

I am withholding the names of the members of the Medicines Assessment Advisory Committee (MAAC) under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection individuals from improper pressure or harassment. I have considered the countervailing public interest in releasing information and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

2. You will include the MAAC "professional description" of the field of expertise of each Committee member.

The professional description of members are currently as follows:

- Paediatrician
- Biostatistician
- Consultant physician, Infectious diseases
- Rural Hospital and General Practice
- Consumer interests, with legal background
- Toxicologist
- Clinical geneticist
- Consultant, Rheumatologist
- Expert in pharmaceutical chemistry and manufacturing
- Psychiatrist
- Clinical pharmacy and clinical pharmacologist.

3. Realising you are in the process of renewing your Committee members or have already done this - the names of the latest members of MAAC are also required.

As noted above, the names of the members of the MAAC are withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the Act.

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', is positioned above the printed name.

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