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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 11 October 2023 for:

"Can I please request the weight of imported verified Medical Cannabis flowers from the 1st of Jan 2022 until the current date, as per the Controlled drug returns?"

As of 1 November 2023, a total of 1,329kg of dried cannabis flower products (verified to meet the minimum quality standard under the Misuse of Drugs (Medical Cannabis) Regulations 2019) have been reported to Medsafe as imported into New Zealand for the period 1 January 2022 to 30 September 2023.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.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: <a href="mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz">info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> 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: <a href="www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests">www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests</a>.

Nāku noa, nā

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