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Josiah Spackman

By email: josiah@skyman.co.nz Ref: H202009742

Dear Josiah,

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 8 August 2022 for:

"Just wondering if you're able to advise us on how many of each license type there are holders? I'm aware that not all license holders are listed on the Ministry of Health website, but also just wondering if you have information about how many of each type there are currently?"

The Medicinal Cannabis Scheme was established on 1 April 2020. As part of the Scheme, a licensing regime was setup that allows the manufacture and supply of medicinal cannabis products in New Zealand.

As at the end of August 2022 there were 44 active Medicinal Cannabis licences. A Medicinal Cannabis licence can have more than one activity listed. These licences include the following:

- 33 listed 'Cultivation activity'
- 3 listed 'Nursery activity'
- 10 listed 'Possession for Manufacture activity'
- 25 listed 'Supply activity'.

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: <u>info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: <u>www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests</u>.

Yours sincerely

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