

K Piper

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Ref: H202007525

Dear K Piper

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 1 October 2020 for:

"I am requesting copies of the Expert Advisory Committee on Drugs reports on Benzylpiperazine, from 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2009."

On 5 October 2020, the Ministry of Health (the Ministry), sent you a clarification email regarding the definition of 'reports' you referenced in your request. As we did not receive a response from you, the Ministry has interpreted your request for reports as, all technical documents the Expert Advisory Committee on Drugs (EACD) used to support their discussion and the associated meeting minutes where Benzylpiperazine (BZP) was discussed.

As such, 14 documents have been identified within scope of your request. These documents are outlined in Appendix One with copies enclosed. The table in Appendix One also lists the specific grounds under which information has been withheld.

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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	19 March 2004	Expert Advisory Committee on Drugs (EACD) Meeting Minutes	Release with information deemed out of scope excluded
2	2004	Advice to EACD on further advice on Piperazines	Released in full
3	2006	Legal Party Pill use in New Zealand: National Household Survey	Released in full
4	30 March 2006	EACD Meeting Minutes	Release with information deemed out of scope excluded
5	27 July 2006	EACD Meeting Minutes	Release with information deemed out of scope excluded
6	29 November 2006	EACD Meeting Minutes	Release with information deemed out of scope excluded
7	15 February 2007	EACD discussion paper: Options for presumption for supply of Benzylpiperazine (BZP) and related piperazines	Released in full
8	15 February 2007	EACD Meeting Minutes	Released in full
9	21 March 2007	Report on the proposal to reclassify BZP	Released in full
10	May 2007	Advice to the EACD on: An overview of BZP	Released in full
11	3 May 2007	EACD Meeting Minutes	Release with information deemed out of scope excluded
12	28 June 2007	EACD Meeting Minutes	Release with information deemed out of scope excluded
13	29 November 2007	EACD Meeting Minutes	Release with information deemed out of scope excluded
14	NA	Comparative risks of legal party pills, alcohol and illegal drugs	Released in full