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Tena koe Christine

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 4 July 2022 for information about herbicide use in Northland. Specifically:

“the number of complaints received regarding herbicide use in Northland for the past 15 years.”

The Ministry does not hold information relating to complaints regarding herbicide use in Northland over the past 15 years. I have been advised that a similar request was also made to Northland Regional Council (NRC). As such, a formal transfer under section 14 of the Act by the Ministry was not deemed necessary. You can expect a response from NRC in due course.

The Ministry would only be informed if a person had health effects from exposure (i.e., notified as a hazardous substances injury or as poisoning from chemical contamination of the environment). This information is available here: www.ehinz.ac.nz/indicators/hazardous-substances/.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

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