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Tēnā koe Campbell

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 9 May 2023. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

Can you please tell me the result of the last three yearly review of cost recovery undertaken by the Minister of Health as per the requirement in s94 of the PSA 2013.

Due to the low level of activity under the Psychoactive Substances legislation, no review of the cost recovery model has been warranted. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

Can you please also advise me regarding the Ministry of Health account(s) or other account that the activities of the Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority, Psychoactive Substances Expert Advisory Committee and support staff (working for them on related tasks) are paid from e.g.. Funded by 3rd Party charges under the PSA, funded from the Memorandum account, funded from MoH baseline funding, Funded from new Crown funding, funded from Regulatory and Health Emergency Response etc etc

The information requested is not available, as we do not report information down to this level. This is due to the low level of activity relating to both the Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority and the Psychoactive Substances Expert Advisory Committee and support staff. Any work by this regulatory authority is absorbed into other work and is funded from Ministry of Health baselines. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by Manatū Hauora and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

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: 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



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