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Ms Alison Buchan

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Dear Ms Buchan

Ref: H201600989 - Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 21 March 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for

- “1) The number of applications for medicinal cannabis,
2) How many succeeded and,
3) The average time from application to when a decision is made.”

The information relating to this request is itemised below. No information has been withheld.

1. Number of applications

Since June 2008 there have been 136 applications for approval to prescribe a medicinal cannabis product pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977.

2. Status of applications

Of the 136 applications:

- 123 were approved.
- 5 were declined.
- 7 were withdrawn by the applicant.
- 1 is in progress.

3. Time taken to process applications

For applications that were approved, the average time from receipt of an application to when a decision was made is as follows:

Year approval issued	Working days to process (average)
2008	23.8
2009	16.7
2010	19.8
2011	9.2
2012	7.5
2013	15.5
2014	26.0
2015	16.7
2016 (to date)	13.2

I trust this information fulfils your request.

Yours sincerely



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