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Tēnā koe Ken

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 24 March 2024 for information regarding abortion statistics in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Please note the Ministry of Health is in the process of collating and analysing data from the year 2023. As such, figures generated from that year are provisional and are subject to change pending final validation of the data. The annual abortion services report will be available later this year.

You requested:

The number of abortions reported in New Zealand for the year 2023?

The provisional statistics show that, for the 2023 calendar year, 16,214 abortions were performed.

The number of early medical abortions reported in New Zealand for the year 2023?

The provisional statistics show that, for the 2023 calendar year, 10,043 abortions were provided as early medical abortions.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

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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