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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 5 February 2026 for information regarding provisional abortion data. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

The provisional total of abortions notified in New Zealand in 2025?

Please note that data relating to abortion procedures during 2025 is provisional, pending final review and publication. The provisional total number of abortions in 2025 is 17,964.

The provisional total of early medical abortions notified in New Zealand in 2025?

The provisional total number of early medical abortions in 2025 is 11,871.

There is a legal requirement for abortion providers to complete an abortion report within one month. Would you kindly advise me why the provisional statistics for 2024 provided to me on 11 February 2025 ref H2025059555 were substantially less than the final totals. The provisional total of abortions was 17,123 and the early medical abortion total was 11,285. The final totals were 17,785 and 11,892.

I appreciate that the compilation of the statistics takes time. It is noted that the provisional abortion statistics provided to me for 2023 were only marginally different to the final statistics.

There is a legislative requirement for abortion providers to complete a report within one month of providing an abortion service. Provisional data is compiled using information from reports received and processed at the time of release. Compilation of the data, referral to the Ministry, and follow-up review and analysis is undertaken regularly. The Ministry provides provisional data when available.

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 Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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