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Tēnā koe A

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00039067

Thank you for your email on 26 February 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Please provide copies of any communication between Health New Zealand (or the former DHBs) and the Ministry of Health or the Pharmaceutical Council on the subject of discount pharmacy operators, Chemist Warehouse or Woolworths / Countdown between 2013 and 2023.”

Response

I am refusing your request under 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist with Health NZ.

Any monitoring of this subject was not undertaken by the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand. We believe this would have been undertaken by Medsafe, and therefore you would be best to contact the Ministry of Health for any further information. However, this is with the caveat that it is highly likely any documents within scope would be considered commercially sensitive.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhatauora.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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