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Dear Jane

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 20 January 2014. In your email you have asked how many products the Psychoactive Substances Expert Advisory Committee has approved under the legislation to date and how many have been disallowed.

The Expert Advisory Committee has not approved any applications to date, nor has it disallowed any. This is because it will only be providing advice on applications made once the Psychoactive Substances Regulations are passed later this year.

In the interim, the Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority in the Ministry of Health has considered a number of applications for interim approval. These include:

64 applications were received for Interim Approval of a Psychoactive Product. Of these applications:

11 were subsequently withdrawn;

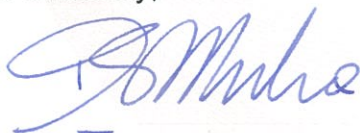
6 were refused;

47 were initially approved; and

5 have subsequently been revoked.

There are currently 42 interim approvals for Psychoactive Products. These interim approvals are in place until the Psychoactive Substances Regulations take effect, which is expected to be later this year.

Yours sincerely,



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