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Tēnā koe Felix,

Official information request HN200021242

Thank you for your email on 1 June 2023, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please see below a response to your request.

- *the handbook on running controlled purchase operations for vapes*
- *statistics over the past year, broken down by region:*
- *number of total cpo*
- *number of store passed*
- *number failed*
- *number of failed warned/educated*
- *number of failed issued infringement*
- *number of failed prosecuted*

The table below contains statistics over the past 15 months, broken down by region for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2023. (The figures for April to June 2023 are not yet available).

Date	Region	Number of covert visits (Controlled Purchase Operations) seeking Vaping/smokeless tobacco products within General Vape retailers	Number of offences for vaping and smokeless tobacco products recorded under the Act as a result of these Controlled Purchase Operations visits.
1 July 2022 – 31 March 2023	Northern	13	Nil
1 July 2022 – 31 March 2023	Te Manawa Taki (Midland)	103	10
1 July 2022 – 31 March 2023	Central	25	4
1 July 2022 – 31 March 2023	Te Waipounamu (Southern)	70	4
1 January 2022 – 30 June 2022	Te Manawa Taki (Midland)	1	Nil
Total general Vape retailers		212	18

Date		Number of covert visits (Controlled Purchase Operations) seeking Vaping/smokeless tobacco products within Specialist Vape retailers	Number of offences for vaping and smokeless tobacco products recorded under the Act as a result of these Controlled Purchase Operations visits
1 July 2022 – 31 March 2023	Northern	26	4
1 July 2022 – 31 March 2023	Te Manawa Taki (Midland)	62	17
1 July 2022 – 31 March 2023	Central	102	11
1 July 2022 – 31 March 2023	Te Waipounamu (Southern)	45	6
1 January 2022 – 30 June 2022	Northern	Nil	N/A
	Te Manawa Taki (Midland)	Nil	N/A
	Central	Nil	N/A
	Te Waipounamu (Southern)	Nil	N/A
Total Specialist Vape retailers		235	38

These figures are summarised here:

- Number of total CPOs: 447
- Number of stores passed: 391
- Number failed: 56
- Number of failed issued infringement: 52
- Number of failed warned/educated: 4
- Number of failed prosecuted: Nil

Please find attached Chapter 9 (September 2022) controlled purchase operations of the smokefree compliance and enforcement manual released in full.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.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, Te Whatu Ora 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Becky Jenkins'.

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