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Tēnā koe Gyles

### **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 11 March 2024 for information regarding annual tobacco returns. You requested:

*“Could you please provide copies of all the tobacco annual returns received which were due for the year ending 31 January 2024 period. If this request is refused under section 18(d) grounds, please provide the exact date which these annual returns will then be published on the Ministry website.”*

The Ministry will publish the annual tobacco returns filed by manufacturers and importers by the end of April 2024 here: [www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/smoked-tobacco-products/information-manufacturers-and-importers-smoked-tobacco-products/tobacco-annual-returns](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/smoked-tobacco-products/information-manufacturers-and-importers-smoked-tobacco-products/tobacco-annual-returns). For this reason, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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