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Tēnā koe John

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 8 October 2025 for information regarding health committees associated with the Ministry. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

I noted, Other health committees

<https://www.health.govt.nz/about-us/new-zealands-health-system/health-system-roles-and-organisations/health-committees-and-boards/other-health-committees>

You have following committees listed on your website,

End of Life Review Committee

Health Workforce and System Efficiencies Committee

Medsafe committees

National Cervical Screening Programme Review Committee

National Kaitiaki Group

Psychoactive Substances Appeals Committee

Psychoactive Substances Expert Advisory Committee

Radiation Safety Advisory Council

Regulated Products Appeals Committee

Could you please provide the pay rate for each committee, along with the names of current members and their appointment terms (including start and end dates)?

Information regarding the pay rate, appointment terms, and names of the members of the respective committees is attached to this letter as Document 1. As detailed in Document 1, the Medicines Review Committee and the Psychoactive Substances Appeals Committee are currently vacant. This is because members are only appointed on an ad-hoc basis when an issue arises which requires consideration by the Committee. Additionally, as shown in the table, the Regulated Products Appeals Committee has been renamed to Notifiable Products Appeals Committee.

Please note that the rates provided in Document 1 are accurate as of 5 February 2025 and only provide the remuneration rate at that point in time. These rates are not broken down by a given financial year and do not detail the amount of time worked by a given appointee, any additional allowances as part of a broader remuneration package, or the accumulated total fee(s) paid to any board or their members. Additionally, these rates do not break down any changes that may have, or are proposed, to occur.

The Ministry has detailed in the table who the chairs and deputy chairs of the respective committees are. Where no chair and/or deputy chair is indicated; that committee does not have those roles assigned. Additionally, where committee members terms have expired, certain legislation allows members to continue their duties in an acting capacity while recruitment is underway to fill those positions.

The names of the Medicines Assessment Advisory Committee members have been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

As this information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the public interest in release in making this decision and, given the specific role and function of the Committee, I consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold the names at this time.

Additionally, I would appreciate it if you could share a sample appointment letter issued to members for each committee. Please feel free to redact any personal information as needed.

A copy of a sample appointment letter is attached to this letter as Document 2. This is released to you with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Please note that all appointment letters follow the same template when appointing prospective members to a given committee. As such, your request for a sample letter for each committee is satisfied by providing one sample. The sample also includes the appointment memorandum appointees are given to sign and return to the Ministry to accept their appointment.

On 24 October 2025 the Ministry transferred your request for information relating to the National Kaitiaki Group to Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. Health New Zealand will address this part of your request in due course. They can be contacted at: hnzOIA@tewhatauora.govt.nz.

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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