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Tēnā koe Jay

### **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 February 2026 for information regarding Cosmic Vape store in Hornby Mall, Christchurch. You requested:

- 1. All information held concerning the licence granted to Cosmic Hornby, including the application for a licence, any decision-making documentation, and any conditions imposed on that licence.*
- 2. For each year Cosmic Hornby has been operating, provide a breakdown of sales information for that particular store. Please provide the total sales figure of vaping products sold in the period, compared against the amount of non-vaping product sales. (This information is collected in annual returns provided to the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry is required to publish that information, but the published data isn't comprehensive)*

In relation to the first part of your request, Section 20P(1) of the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 (the Act) states:

*A person who sells vaping products from retail premises may apply to the Director-General for approval to be a specialist vape retailer in relation to specified retail premises, and, if applicable, specified Internet sites.*

There is information on the Ministry website about the Specialist Vape Retailer (SVR) application process at the following webpage: [www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/vaping-herbal-smoking-and-smokeless-tobacco/selling-vaping-or-other-notifiable-products/application-process-to-become-a-specialist-vape-retailer](http://www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/vaping-herbal-smoking-and-smokeless-tobacco/selling-vaping-or-other-notifiable-products/application-process-to-become-a-specialist-vape-retailer).

Cosmic Corner Limited have submitted an Approved Vaping Premises (AVP) application for Cosmic Hornby to the Director-General of Health on 20 October 2021. Their AVP application was approved on 5 November 2021 with a unique code AVP-348. The relevant documents are listed in the appendices and enclosed in this response.

A publicly available list of AVPs can be accessed via the Ministry's Specialist Vape Retailers search tool here: [vaping.harp.health.nz/search/](http://vaping.harp.health.nz/search/).

In relation to the second part of your request, section 100(2) of the Act states:

- Each year a retailer of regulated products must, in accordance with regulations, -*
- (a) prepare a return showing sales-related information required by regulations in respect of regulated products or class of regulated products sold by the retailer, and*
  - (b) file the return with the Director-General no later than 31 January.*

Cosmic Corner Limited has filed an annual return for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 year in relation to Cosmic Hornby. The relevant documents are listed in the appendices and enclosed in this response. For clarity, the total vaping product sales for each year are:

- 2022: \$1,392,518.00
- 2023: \$1,323,471.00
- 2024: \$1,189,644.21

Please note that while information about non-vaping products sales is collated by the Ministry under the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990, in order to ensure the 70% vaping sales threshold is met by the respective store, these items are classed as non-notifiable products. As such, your request for information related to “*the amount of non-vaping product sales*” is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(b)(ii), to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; and,
- 9(2)(ba)(i), to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

Cosmic Corner Limited is yet to submit the 2025 annual return for Cosmic Hornby. For the 2025 annual return, due to the technical issues affecting the ability to complete annual returns, the annual returns platform is open until 31 March 2026.

Information is located on the Ministry’s website about annual returns at the following webpage: [www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/vaping-herbal-smoking-and-smokeless-tobacco/requirements/complete-a-notifiable-product-annual-return](http://www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/vaping-herbal-smoking-and-smokeless-tobacco/requirements/complete-a-notifiable-product-annual-return).

The Ministry has identified 19 documents, including photographs, within scope of your request. All documents are itemised in the appendices, with copies of the documents enclosed. Please note that Appendix 1 lists documents related to part 1 of your request, and Appendix 2 lists the documents related to part 2 of your request.

Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

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](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.

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](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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**Appendix 1: List of documents for release as related to part 1 of your request**

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release		
1	October to November 2021	AVP application submission date	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons		
2		Application fee - order summary			
3		Application fee - item		Released in full	
4		AVP application		Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act	
5		AVP assessment - application Details			
6		AVP assessment - assessment details			
7		AVP assessment - approval details			
8				AVP Acceptance and approval letter	Released in full
9				ODR-754_ Invoice	
10-13				Pictures of the store	
14	Email correspondence: AVPs within Malls				
15	June 2024	SVR-141 Letter	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act		
16		Email correspondence: SVR-141 letter re business ownership of AVPs/AISs	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act and some information deemed out of scope of your request		

**Appendix 2: List of documents for release as related to part 2 of your request**

<b>#</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document details</b>	<b>Decision on release</b>
16	2022	Annual sales revenue	Released in full
17	2023		
18	2024		