

18 December 2023

By email: [REDACTED]

Ref: H2023033150

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 22 November 2023 for information regarding Medsafe funding. You requested:

“Could you also please specify how much money each of the top five companies (listed below) gives to Medsafe annually?”

- 1 Pharmacy Retailing (NZ) Ltd t/a Healthcare Logistic
- 2 Novartis New Zealand Ltd
- 3 Viartis Limited
- 4 Pfizer New Zealand Limited
- 5 AFT Pharmaceuticals Ltd”

Your request has been withheld in full under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely damage the public interest. I have considered the countervailing public interest in releasing information and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

We have however supplied you with a previous response (H2023032367 refers). This response lists Medsafe’s funding and revenue broken down.

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 Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



Chris James
Group Manager
Medsafe

22 November 2023

[REDACTED]

By email: [REDACTED]
Ref: H2023032367

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 12 October 2022 for information regarding Medsafe's funding. You requested:

*"Please provide the amount of money Medsafe receives each year from pharmaceutical companies from 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.
What percentage of its overall budget does Medsafe receive from the Government?
Please provide the amount of money Medsafe receives each year from the Government from 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022."*

Information relating to your request is appended to this letter and has been released to you in full.

Please note that revenue and expenditure related to the Medicinal Cannabis Agency and Vaping is excluded from table one.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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.

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Table 1: Revenue Medsafe receives from third party sources broken down by financial year.

Financial Year	Fees Medsafe receives from third party sources
2016/17	\$7,646,147.00
2017/18	\$9,067,176.04
2018/19	\$10,708,893.02
2019/20	\$10,169,945.76
2020/21	\$11,358,435.61
2021/22	\$11,467,172.41
2022/23	\$12,103,097.34

Table 2: Percentage of funding Medsafe receives from the New Zealand Government broken down by financial year.

Financial Year	Percentage of Medsafe's funding from the NZ Government
2016/17	22.66%
2017/18	22.49%
2018/19	14.95%
2019/20	17.88%
2020/21	13.94%
2021/22	15.94%
2022/23	15.95%

Table 3: Amount of funding Medsafe receives from the New Zealand Government broken down by financial year.

Financial Year	Government funding Medsafe receives
2016/17	\$2,240,169.00
2017/18	\$2,631,594.61
2018/19	\$1,882,382.13
2019/20	\$2,214,676.03
2020/21	\$1,839,483.19
2021/22	\$2,175,211.82
2022/23	\$2,296,795.07

9 November 2023

By email: [REDACTED]
Ref: H2023032408

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 14 October 2023 for the information regarding the pharmaceutical industry. You requested:

“What are the top 5 pharmaceutical companies that give funding to Medsafe?”

Please see in the table below the top five pharmaceutical companies that have given funding to Medsafe.

#	Name of the pharmaceutical company
1	Pharmacy Retailing (NZ) Ltd t/a Healthcare Logistics
2	Novartis New Zealand Ltd
3	Viatris Limited
4	Pfizer New Zealand Limited
5	AFT Pharmaceuticals Ltd

It's important to note that regarding the Medicine Regulations 1984 its functions in relation to this legislation are funded from a mixture of Crown funding and third-party revenue collected from fees set under the Medicines Act 1981.

The Medicines Act provides for charging fees in relation to applications for licences and for the approval of new and changed medicines, new and changed-related products, and clinical trials. The schedule of fees payable is contained in regulation 61 of the Medicines Regulations 1984.

The current fees for Medsafe can be found at: www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/fees.asp.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', written in a cursive style.

Chris James
Group Manager
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