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## Official Information Act Request

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on 13 February 2020, for the following information:

- How many new hazardous substances applications did the EPA review in 2018 (e.g. new applications to approve the import, manufacture and use of a hazardous substance)?*  
*Of these applications, for how many did the EPA review independent risk information? E.g. information not provided by the applicant?*
- How many reassessments did the EPA undertake in 2018?*  
*Of these reassessments, for how many did the EPA review independent risk information? E.g. information not provided by the applicant?*

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982. Our response is provided below.

### 1. New hazardous substances applications in 2018

In 2018, sixty-one applications to import or manufacture new hazardous substances were decided. You can access these applications at the HSNO Applications Register on our website at: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/database-search/hsno-application-register/>

### Independent risk information for hazardous substances applications in 2018

In assessing ten of the sixty-one applications received, the EPA reviewed independent risk information, primarily from other regulators. We also reviewed studies submitted by applicants and conducted in accordance with guidelines issued by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Examples of the independent information that we consider, and reviews of studies provided by applicants, are available on the EPA's website.

As an example, the review of Proclaim Opti (<https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/FileAPI/hsno-ar/APP203264/2753e3dc3f/APP203264-Science-Memorandum.pdf>) involved a review of studies provided by the applicant (see Appendix J), and information sourced from other regulator (see Appendix L).

Many applications are publicly notified, and may also involve a public hearing. This gives the public an opportunity to provide additional information in relation to the application.

## 2. Reassessments undertaken by the EPA in 2018

The EPA completed the reassessment of one substance in 2018, namely *APP203261 – Luna Privilege*. Information about this reassessment is on the EPA website at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/database-search/hsno-application-register/view/APP203261>.

### Independent risk information for reassessments undertaken in 2018

We consulted the public about the reassessment of *APP203261 – Luna Privilege*, and held a public hearing. Appendix L of the Science Memo lists the independent information that was used in the reassessment (you can access the Science Memo at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/FileAPI/hsno-ar/APP203261/a1ba816be0/APP203261-Corrected-Luna-Privilege-Science-memo.pdf>).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line and a flourish.

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