



I have deleted material in the documents which can reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to your request and prepared an edited copy for release. This information has been marked 's22' in the documents released to you.

### **Additional information**

The figures included in the documents are the number of pharmacies approved under section 90 of the *National Health Act 1953*.

The department publishes numbers of approved pharmacies at 30 June each year in the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services, and can only guarantee the accuracy of those published numbers. The numbers in the documents have not been reviewed for accuracy.

### **Legislative provisions**

The FOI Act, including the provisions referred to in my decision, is available on the Federal Register of Legislation website: [www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562](http://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562).

### **Your review rights**

I have set out your review rights at **ATTACHMENT B**.

### **Publication**

Where I have decided to release documents to you, the department may also publish the released material on its Disclosure Log. The department will not publish personal or business affairs information where it would be unreasonable to do so.

For your reference the department's Disclosure Log can be found at: [www.health.gov.au/resources/foi-disclosure-log](http://www.health.gov.au/resources/foi-disclosure-log).

### **Contacts**

If you require clarification of any matters discussed in this letter you can contact the FOI Section on (02) 6289 1666 or at [FOI@health.gov.au](mailto:FOI@health.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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ATTACHMENT A.

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS  
FOI4871

Document	Pages	Date	Description	Decision on access <sup>1</sup>	Relevant provision of FOI Act
1	1	4/1/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 31/12/2022	RI	s22
2	1	10/2/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 31/01/2023	RI	s22
3	1	6/3/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 28/02/2023	RI	s22
4	1	4/4/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 31/03/2023	RI	s22
5	1	4/5/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 30/04/2023	RI	s22
6	1	5/6/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 31/05/2023	RI	s22
7	1	5/7/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 30/06/2023	RI	s22
8	1	4/8/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 31/07/2023	RI	s22
9	1	8/9/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 31/08/2023	RI	s22
10	1	4/10/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 30/09/2023	RI	s22
11	1	6/11/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 31/10/2023	RI	s22
12	1	5/12/2023	Monthly s90 Pharmacy count at 30/11/2023	RI	s22

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<sup>1</sup> RI = Release with irrelevant information deleted.

## ATTACHMENT B.

### YOUR REVIEW RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for a review.

#### **Internal review**

You can request internal review within 30 days of you receiving this decision. An internal review will be conducted by a different officer from the original decision maker.

No particular form is required to apply for review although it will assist your case to set out the grounds on which you believe that the original decision should be changed.

Applications for internal review can be made by:

Email: [xxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.xx)

Mail: FOI Unit (MDP 516)  
Department of Health and Aged Care  
GPO Box 9848  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

If you choose to seek an internal review, you will also have a right to apply for Information Commissioner review (IC review) of the internal review decision once it has been provided to you.

#### **Information Commissioner review or complaint**

You also have the right to seek Information Commissioner (IC) review of this decision. For FOI applicants, an application for IC review must be made in writing within 60 days of the decision. For third parties who object to disclosure of their information, an application for IC review must be made in writing within 30 days of the decision.

If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your FOI request, you can lodge a complaint with the OAIC. However, the OAIC suggests that complaints are made to the agency in the first instance.

While there is no particular form required to make a complaint to the OAIC, the complaint should be in writing and set out the reasons for why you are dissatisfied with the way your request was processed. It should also identify the Department of Health and Aged Care as the agency about which you are complaining.

You can make an IC review application or make an FOI complaint in one of the following ways:

- online at [www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/](http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/)
- via email to [xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)
- by mail to GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001, or
- by fax to 02 9284 9666.

More information about the Information Commissioner reviews and complaints is available on the OAIC website here: [www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process](http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process).

## **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with action taken by the department, you may also make a complaint directly to the department.

Complaints to the department are covered by the department's privacy policy. A form for lodging a complaint directly to the department is available on the department's website here: [www.health.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/complaints](http://www.health.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/complaints)