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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 19 August 2022, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

1. *A copy of your policy on employee drug use and drug testing.*
2. *How many random drug tests has your Department performed on employees or contractors since August 19 2021?*
3. *How many non-random drug tests has your Department performed on employees or contractors since August 19 2021?*
4. *Since August 19 2021, how many employees or contractors associated with your Department failed a drug test?*
5. *How many employees or contractors have been fired or did not have their contract renewed following a drug test?*

Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage would manage instances of drug use by employees or contractors in line with the State Services *Standards of Integrity & Conduct*. Further information on the standards is available at: <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/resources/code/>.

Manatū Taonga does not have a specific policy on drug use or drug testing and has not carried out drug tests on its employees or contractors.

If you require any clarification on our response, please feel free to contact oa@mch.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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