



**Te Tāhū Hauora**  
Health Quality & Safety  
Commission

22 December 2023

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**Re: Official information request relating to the Family Violence Death Review Committee (FVDRC) Seventh Report**

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Official Information Act) dated 19 December 2023, relating to the FVDRC Seventh Report. You asked us to:

1. Please confirm that 7.59 deaths were Māori or provide an updated number.
2. Please also provide confirmed or updated numbers for Pacific peoples, Asian and European/Other.

The information you have requested is held by the National Mortality Review Committee (previously the FVDRC). Generally, information held by mortality review committees is not subject to the Official Information Act (see s 2) and is instead subject to the provisions set out in Schedule 5 of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 (the Pae Ora Act).

Part 5 of Schedule 5 of the Pae Ora Act allows the disclosure of information if the information does not identify, either expressly or by implication, any particular individual.

As referenced in our previous official information response to you (HQSC227-2023), we are unable to provide an ethnic breakdown of the deceased for one year, as disclosing this information could lead to the identification of individuals.

While some ethnicities will have sufficient number values that individuals are not identifiable, others will not. The suppression of ethnic groups with sufficient numbers will prevent the identification of individuals, by implication, in ethnic groups with insufficient numbers.

With regards to the specific number you have referenced, it is important to note that rounding will be involved in the generation of percentages.

Further, information in the FVDRC Seventh Report is sourced from a 'live' data set. This means that the numbers can change over time as additional material becomes known to the National Mortality Review Committee.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us at [info@hqsc.govt.nz](mailto:info@hqsc.govt.nz). If you would like to add any additional information relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that this can be included.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision under s 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

**Please note that Te Tāhū Hauora publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address, or contact details.**

Nāku noa, nā



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