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Tēnā koe Mr Bell

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 9 April 2021. You have requested the following information:

- 1. The number of coronial cases where a person has died of pneumonia, by year, as far back as data is available.*
- 2. The number of coronial cases where a person has died of Influenza (common cold) by year, as far back as data is available.*

In response to your request, please refer to Tables 1, 2 and 3 enclosed. These tables show the number of deaths recorded where pneumonia, influenza or both have been recorded as the cause of, or contribution to the cause of death, notified to the Coroner between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2020. It is important to note that some cases include both pneumonia and influenza as a cause of death, and therefore the data across both cause of death types in Tables 1 and 2 will not necessarily add to the total in Table 3.

This information has been provided by calendar year from January 2008. This is the earliest calendar year for which data can be provided, due to when the Ministry of Justice Coronial Case Management System became operational.

It is important to note that this information does include active cases which are provisional pending the Coroner's final finding. This information is being made available for release on behalf of the Chief Coroner.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response, please contact our Media and External Relations team by emailing media@justice.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by writing to PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143; calling 0800 802 602; or emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

I trust that this information assists.

Nāku noa, nā



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Encl: Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3

Table 1: Number of deaths recorded where pneumonia has been recorded as the cause of, or contribution to the cause of death, notified to the Coroner between 01 January 2008 and 31 December 2020

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total deaths	201	247	200	217	215	179	192	195	192	214	192	204	143

Table 2: Number of deaths recorded where influenza has been recorded as the cause of, or contribution to the cause of death, notified to the Coroner between 01 January 2008 and 31 December 2020

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total deaths	6	35	15	7	10	7	16	8	6	6	10	7	2

Table 3: Number of deaths recorded where pneumonia or influenza has been recorded as the cause of, or contribution to the cause of death, notified to the Coroner between 01 January 2008 and 31 December 2020

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total deaths	203	259	206	219	216	181	197	200	196	215	196	208	144

Note: Data across both cause of death types (tables 1 & 2) will not necessarily add to the total (table 3) as some cases include both pneumonia and influenza as a cause of death.

Important notes:

- This data may differ from previously released or published data. This data was extracted from the Ministry's case management system at 12th April 2021.
- Cases are included based on the date the case was notified to the coroner (this can differ from the date of death).
- The closed cases have a cause of death that has been determined by the coroner, where a finding or certificate has been issued.
- This data counts instances where one or more of the keywords is recorded in the Medical Cause of Death 1, Medical Cause of Death 2, Medical Cause of Death 3, Medical Cause of Death Secondary, Provisional Cause of Death, or Final Cause of Death fields in the Ministry of Justice's case management system.