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Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 26 December 2022. You requested:

Under the OIA 1982, I/we request information as to whether the NZ Dental Council is under your portfolio of companies and entities. In other words, is this company created under the Public Finance Act 1989 Schedule 4A?

If it is not, please advise where / to whom the clinical doctorate professionals in our dental trade should approach to gain this information. Thank you.

The New Zealand Dental Council is not a company listed under Schedule 4A of the Public Finance Act 1989. You can find a list of Schedule 4A companies here: [Public Finance Act 1989 No 44 \(as at 16 December 2022\), Public Act Schedule 4A Non-listed companies in which Crown is majority or sole shareholder – New Zealand Legislation](#).

The Dental Council is a regulatory authority created by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. Sections 130 -134 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 set out authorities' financial and annual reporting responsibilities. These sections can be found here: [Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 No 48 \(as at 01 July 2022\), Public Act 130 Authorities may prescribe fees – New Zealand Legislation](#).

The Dental Council's annual reports, including its audited financial statements, are provided to the Minister of Health every year. The Minister must then present a copy of the report to the House of Representatives within 16 sitting days of having received it. The Dental Council's annual reports can be found at: [Annual reports » Dental Council \(dcnz.org.nz\)](#).

You or your colleagues may wish to engage with the Dental Council directly or with the Ministry of Health if you have further queries about the Council's operations.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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