

Barry Garrick

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Ref: H202000892

Dear Mr Barry Garrick

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request of 25 February 2020 to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

*"1. In this update - <https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/news-items/laura-fergusson-trust-update>*

*It says that "In late October the Laura Fergusson Trust notified the Ministry of Health and other funders that it intended to exit its \$4.1m contract in August this year."  
May I please request this correspondence exchange between the Ministry and the Trust?*

*2. Also, the update says "Since November the Ministry has met with the Acting Chair, CEO and Board to discuss options and has also offered specialist financial assistance."*

*May I please request what specialist financial assistance was offered? Also any meeting notes and recollections for or from those meetings?*

*3. And any briefings prepared for those meetings?*

*4. Can I please also request the correspondence where the Director-General of Health offered to sit down with the Trust and any replies to that?"*

On 24 March 2020, the due date for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act, as further consultation was required.

There was no correspondence between the Ministry and the Laura Fergusson Trust relating to the initial notification you refer to in your request. This notification occurred by phone call on 24 October 2019. Similarly, no briefings were prepared for the meetings mentioned in your request. As such, I am unable to provide you with any information in response to parts 1 and 3 of your request under section 18(e) of the Act.

Four documents have been identified within scope of parts 2 and 4 of your request. These are itemised in Appendix 1 to this letter, and copies of the documents are enclosed. The table in Appendix 1 also lists the grounds under which I have decided to withhold information.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adri Isbister', with a stylized, cursive script.

Adri Isbister  
**Deputy Director-General  
Disability**

## Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	7 November 2019	Phone call notes Laura Fergusson Trust and Ministry of Health  1.10 pm – 2 pm	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, as the releasing of this information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information
2	11 November 2019	Meeting between Laura Fergusson Trust and the Ministry of Health	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, as the releasing of this information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information
3	28 November 2019	Re: Ashley to meet with Laura Fergusson Board  2:15 pm	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons
4	2 December 2019	Re: Ashley to meet with Laura Fergusson Board  5:28 pm	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons