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Ref: AL HTU 2021-016

Dear Micky Turner

Official Information Act request relating to the Māori Health Authority and complying with NZs obligations under local and international law

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 1 July 2021. You requested:

“ 1. Please forward all information held by the Government which details how your proposed Maori Health Authority - will comply with New Zealand's obligations under local & international law. ”

I refer to my letter dated 30 June 2021 responding to your earlier request under the Act dated 29 April 2021 for information relating to the Māori Health Authority (the Authority).

I have interpreted your request to be for the decision-making documents relating to the establishment of the Authority. The documents within scope of your request are set out below:

- Response to the Health and Disability System Review / Hauora Manaaki Ki Aotearoa Whānui (CAB-20-SUB-0269)
- The Health and Disability System Review: Next Steps (CAB-20-SUB-0369)

These documents are publicly available on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC) website: <https://dPMC.govt.nz/publications/cabinet-papers-relating-health-and-disability-system-review>

I reiterate my earlier advice identifying the Cabinet paper CAB-21-SUB-0092 Health and Disability System Review – Proposals for Reform (March 2021); which is publicly available on DPMC's website: <https://dPMC.govt.nz/publications/cabinet-decision-cab-21-sub-0092-health-and-disability-system-review-proposals-reform>.

The changes to the health system operating model will require legislation to restructure the public owned health and disability system. This will include provisions to establish new entities, including the Authority and disestablish others. The legislation to enact the new entities will be the subject of a detailed examination by the Ministry of Justice for compatibility and compliance with relevant legislation before it is introduced the House.

Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'A' followed by a smaller 'L' and a final flourish.

Hon. Andrew Little
Minister of Health