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Tēnā koe Scott

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 18 October 2021 for:

"...all of the "Waikato DHB Ministers Briefings" dated between 19 May and 26 August (i.e. every report listed under the "Joint Ministry/GCSB briefing to Ministers" heading in your first release document)."

The release of these briefings is likely to compromise the health and safety of patients and service user information, as well as disclose details that would increase Waikato District Health Board's security risk.

For this reason, the information requested is withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(c) as its release would likely prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial; and
- section 9(2)(ba)(i), to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source; and
- section 9(2)(c), to avoid prejudice to measures to protect the health or safety of the public; and
- section 9(2)(e), to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely


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