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K Roe

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Dear K Roe

RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10826

We are writing to acknowledge your letter dated 27 February 2022 and received in our office this morning requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- **I read in the news that Andrew Little said that Canterbury District Health board is given funds from the Ministry of Health to employ 3 dermatologists.**
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/300527114/devastated-appointment-for-severe-psoriasis-cancelled-as-christchurchs-sole-dermatologist-unable-to-work>
I interpreted that to mean 3 x 1 FTE dermatology positions. Apparently, the number of dermatology positions is presently 0.
So I am wondering what the money was spent on.

We will consider your request against the provisions of the Official Information Act (see below) and advise you of our decision regarding the release of information within 20 working days (being the statutory timeframe provided within the Act.) Accordingly, we will notify you, no later than 28 March 2022 of our decision.

Please note: Due to the pandemic, staff throughout our system have been redeployed and are involved in the planning and preparation for dealing with Omicron/COVID-19. This work will take priority and may create delays in our ability to respond to Official Information Act requests

Your request is being handled by Kathleen Smitheram. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Kathleen. (Kathleen.Smitheram@cdhb.health.nz; phone (03) 364-4134).

Please refer to the OIA number above when phoning or emailing. If any additional factors come to light which are relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely

Ralph La Salle
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15 Decisions on requests

(1) Subject to this Act, the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation to whom a request is made in accordance with [section 12](#) or is transferred in accordance with [section 14](#) of this Act or [section 12](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case not later than 20 working days after the day on which the request is received by that department or Minister of the Crown or organisation,—

(1)(a) decide whether the request is to be granted and, if it is to be granted, in what manner and for what charge (if any); and

(1)(b) give or post to the person who made the request notice of the decision on the request

[If we are unable to make a decision on your request by the date noted above, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.]