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Tēnā koe Harry

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 22 June 2022. You requested:

“Per the statute laid out under the Official Information Act 1982, I am requesting all data, information and records since the date beginning 26 October 2017 regarding funding decisions/conversations pertaining to the upgrade and redevelopment of the Whangarei Base Hospital Complex. This information may include but is not limited to:

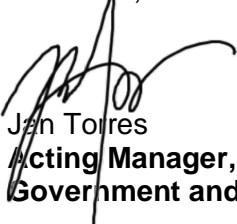
- *Internal memos, emails, meeting notes and minutes from internal discussions within the Ministry of Health.*
- *External memos, emails, discussions, meeting notes and minutes from external discussions with experts, health officials, or contracts.*
- *Discussions between the Ministry of Health and other relevant consulting Ministries.*
- *Any papers, plans, or funding decisions prevented to, or discussed with Cabinet, including Cabinet minutes and notes per relevant discussions.”*

The information you have requested is currently being used to inform Cabinet about the decision to invest at Whangarei Hospital. As such, the information you have requested is withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions that protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku nga, nā



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