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Tēnā koe Cam

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received by my office on 18 May 2023 as a transfer from Te Aka Whai Ora (Māori Health Authority) and Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health). You requested:

“Please provide the Independent review documents of the Māori Health Authority recently completed by Chad Paraone”

One document titled *High-level assessment of Te Aka Whai Ora progress against Cabinet expectations, commitments and priorities for the Hauora Māori Advisory Committee (HMAC)* has been identified as being within scope of your request. This document 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.

I have considered the countervailing public interest in releasing information and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ayesha Verrall'.

Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
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