

From: s9(2)(a)
To: Ministerial Requests; s9(2)(a)
Subject: X/17/00199 FW: URGENT - one page timeline of third medical school proposal
Date: Monday, 13 March 2017 1:40:20 pm

Dear s9(2)(a)

Please find below the requested timeline for the review and discussion of the University of Waikato/Waikato DHB proposal to establish a third medical school.

Please note that I have not included dates for correspondence regarding the proposal e.g. with Waikato Means Business or the Universities of Auckland/Otago, nor have I included advice the TEC has given in support of meetings with other providers where the proposal may have been raised as a concern (e.g. recent meetings with Otago Vice-Chancellor Harlene Hayne, or Auckland Vice-Chancellor Stuart McCutcheon).

The timeline is as follows:

Date	Event
14 October 2016	Business Case for the establishment of a third medical school submitted to Government. TEC officials provided a preliminary assessment of the business case (B/16/001142 refers).
17 October 2016	Professor Neil Quigley, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waikato and Dr Nigel Murray, Chief Executive of Waikato DHB verbally presented the business case to Ministers Steven Joyce and Jonathan Coleman.
October 2016	TEC officials engaged the Treasury and Ministry of Health regarding the business case.
28 October 2016	Officials provided further assessment and advice around the business case. This included a draft letter from Ministers to the University of Waikato/Waikato DHB requesting the submitted business case be developed into an Indicative Business Case that meets Treasury's Better Business Case requirements.
3 November 2016	Prime Minister Rt. Hon John Key met University of Waikato/Waikato DHB to discuss the business case. The TEC provided information to support this meeting (B/16/01202 refers).
2 December 2016	Ministry of Health and TEC officials met with the Deans of the Auckland and Otago medical schools to discuss their concerns around the business case. It is noted that this meeting was supposed to have been held with Ministers, but they were unable to attend. The TEC provided advice to support this meeting (B/16/01276 refers).
20 December 2016	Hon. Paul Goldsmith replaced Hon. Steven Joyce as Minister of Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment
December 2016	The TEC provided information about the business case and draft letter from Ministers in its Briefing to the Incoming Minister.
19 January 2017	Officials provide Aide Memoire (AM/17/00011) to the Minister summarising the medical school business case, comments made by existing medical schools (University of Auckland and University of Otago), and the draft letter to be sent to University of Waikato/Waikato DHB.

Please note that the draft letter requesting an indicative Business Case (IBC) has been reviewed by Minister Coleman and is due to be sent out soon. The TEC has asked to comment on this prior to being sent to the University of Waikato/Waikato DHB. It is not possible to indicate any kind of formal timeline for submission of the IBC until Waikato has received a response from Ministers. Once the joint Ministerial letter has been sent to Waikato and the DHB, TEC officials intend to meet with the relevant parties to go through the letter and agree a sensible timeline for submission of the next business case.

Kind regards

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From: s9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 13 March 2017 11:48 a.m.
To: s9(2)(a)
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Importance: High

Something need by 2pm today !! Looks pretty straightfoward based on the conversation that BK had with s9(2)(a) on Friday afternoon.

From: s9(2)(a) On Behalf Of Ministerial Requests
Sent: Monday, 13 March 2017 11:39 a.m.
To: s9(2)(a)
Cc: s9(2)(a); Ministerial Requests
Subject: FW: URGENT - one page timeline of third medical school proposal
Importance: High

Hi s9(2)(a)

Please see the email below from s9(2)(a).

I'll log this as an info request.

Many thanks

s9(2)(a)

From: s9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 13 March 2017 11:35 a.m.
To: s9(2)(a)
Cc: Ministerial Requests; Tim Fowler; s9(2)(a)
Subject: URGENT - one page timeline of third medical school proposal
Importance: High

Hi s9(2)(a)

The Minister has been asked by the PM for a timeline of the medical school proposal. I gave him an informal rundown after we spoke on Friday, but he has asked for a formal one-pager that we can pass on to the PM's office.

It should cover off:

- When the business case was received (inc a meeting between Joyce/Coleman and Waikato)
- That officials provided advice
- That Ministers agreed to respond inviting them to submit a detailed business case
- That this letter is currently with Hon Coleman, for sign off
- Any other pertinent details I've missed

It may be worth adding a paragraph to finish noting that it's not possible to indicate any kind of formal timeline, until Waikato has received a response from Ministers, but that they would need several months at least to produce a detailed business case and put it through an IQA.

I need this asap – ideally by the end of Cabinet (2pm). It should be fairly straightforward, as there's not much to say, but it seems the Minister just wants something formal (rather than an email from me) that he can pass on to the PM.

Thanks

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