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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0007

Dear Matthew Hooton

Official Information Act request relating to new medical school at the University of Waikato

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 7 July 2023. You requested:

“Under the OIA, could I please have all written advice prepared by DPMC over the last ten years for ministers and other government agencies on the question of a new Medical School at the University of Waikato, including arguments made for and against.

This includes any brief notes, talking points etc prepared for prime ministers ahead of Cabinet meetings, Cabinet committee meetings, and other meetings with ministers, officials and other stakeholders. ”

Your request for information is extremely broad. A search was conducted to identify briefing notes and talking points prepared for the Prime Minister ahead of Cabinet meetings and Cabinet Committee meetings. This search returned hundreds of pages of documents that would require manual identification and collation of the information you have requested. As such, we are refusing your request in full under section 18(f) of the Act, as to provide the information requested would require substantial collation and research and significantly impact on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s other operations.

On 10 July 2023, we contacted you explaining that as your request is broad, and we invited you to refine your request, such as narrowing the time frame, to avoid having to refuse your request in full under section 18(f) of the Act. On 10 July 2023, you replied stating you wish to proceed with your original request.

Should you wish to resubmit a new request, with a narrower time frame, we will re-consider our decision on this request.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s website.

Yours sincerely

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