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By email: fyi-request-23767-bcdadcdb@requests.fyi.org.nz  
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Tēnā koe Sam

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was transferred from the Office of the Prime Minister to Manatū Hauora and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 5 September 2023 for information regarding the spend on the health system reforms. Please see below for the Ministry's response.

*“Can I please ask how much has been spent on the change of new health system including extraction of Te Whatu Ora from Ministry of Health as well as combining 30 entities into one massive organisation while they still work differently from each other and are still called DHBs (District Health Boards) at many places.*

*Please provide data:  
From 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2022  
From 1 Jan to 31 July 2023”*

Information relating to this part of your request is refused under 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available on the New Zealand Parliament website in the form of response to a Written Parliamentary Question: [www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ\\_00251\\_2023/251-2023-dr-shane-reti-to-the-minister-of-health](http://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_00251_2023/251-2023-dr-shane-reti-to-the-minister-of-health).

*“What Advise did the former PM Ardern got regarding risks involved and what was done to mitigate those risks from your office. I do not need the full briefings, but relevant extracts and emails should be suffice.”*

Manatū Hauora has interpreted this part of your request as referring to information provided to the former Prime Minister Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern concerning financial risk associated with the health system changes. Manatū Hauora does not have any documents in scope of this part of your request. For further information, please refer to DPMC's response in due course.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: [oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz).

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](mailto: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 Manatū Hauora website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Celia Wellington', is centered within a white rectangular box.

Celia Wellington  
**Deputy Director-General  
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