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Dear A. D. Tait

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 27 August 2015 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), as follows:

"I request any correspondence, briefings, summaries or presentations related to changing the current level of funding for Sexual Reassignment Surgery (SRS).

Additionally I request any assessments, briefings or correspondence between the Ministry of Health, DHBs and overseas providers of Male-to-Female SRS, in regards to sending patients overseas for treatment as discussed in the following OIA request and reply. <https://fyi.org.nz/request/2548-gender-reassignment-surgery-waiting-list-size-and-status>".

The information relating to this request is itemised below, with copies of documents attached.

Request	Response
Correspondence, briefings, summaries or presentations related to changing the current level of funding for SRS.	Attached is a letter from Dr Don Mackie, Chief Medical Officer, to the Chairperson of the Health Select Committee, dated 26 June 2015.
Correspondence between the Ministry of Health, DHBs and overseas providers of Male-to-Female SRS, in regards to sending patients overseas for treatment.	Attached are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correspondence between the Ministry of Health and a potential provider in Australia, in April 2015. 2. Correspondence between the Ministry of Health and a DHB regarding Male-to-Female gender reassignment surgery overseas, in July 2015. <p>I have decided to withhold three emails between the Ministry of Health</p>

	and the DHB. This information is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.
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I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely



Dr Don Mackie
Chief Medical Officer
Clinical Leadership, Protection and Regulation