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Dear Ms Wilson
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Ombudsman Complaint 440972 – National Infrastructure Platform

I am responding to your complaint to the Ombudsman regarding the Ministry's refusal to provide information, following your Official Information Act request of 19 June 2016, concerning the National Infrastructure Platform (NIP). I am now able to provide a substantive response to your questions.

The status of the contract negotiations for the NIP are completed with all three providers on the panel. The final negotiations were completed in December 2016 when a contractual variation was finalised with IBM. The completion of the negotiations has now been announced by NZ Health Partnerships:

<http://www.nzhealthpartnerships.co.nz/contract-variation-national-infrastructure-platform-dhbs/>

In line with best practice trends in the information technology sector, the DHBs will have more flexibility when purchasing information technology services. Initially, Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), will be purchased as and when it is required. No capital expenditure is involved, accordingly, there is no fixed contract fee payable to IBM or any of the providers for services provided. However, the estimated expenditure is expected to be at least \$10 million per year. This figure may vary due to individual DHB consumption rates; as well as contract terms and timings.

The Ministry is happy to respond to further requests for information about the NIP, but most updates should be posted on the following websites:

Treasury:
<http://www.treasury.govt.nz/statesector/investmentmanagement/publications/majorprojects>

NZ Health Partnerships:
<http://www.nzhealthpartnerships.co.nz/>

A copy of this response has been provided to the Ombudsman's Office.

Yours sincerely



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