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Dear A. Masters

## Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 21 March 2017 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), in which you asked:

1. Does the Minister consider the large amount of public money (almost three-quarters of a million dollars) spent on the two KPMG outcomes reports an example of good value for money?
2. The Ministry has advised that one of the KPMG outcomes report for 2012/2013 was not completed and will not be published. Was the full contracted amount paid out to KPMG for this incomplete report? If yes, then why? Please provide all email and other correspondence on this decision to pay KPMG for the incomplete report if in fact this was the case. Please provide the date on which the final payment was made.
3. Were there any benefits to problem gamblers as a result of the two KPMG outcomes reports? If yes, please provide all correspondence and documentation relating to these improvements.
  - 3.1 Were there any practical benefits to problem gamblers and their families from the two KPMG Outcomes reports? If yes please provide all correspondence and documentation, including dates of when these benefits or improvements occurred and a description of these improvements and benefits.
4. The Ministry of Health has stated that the reason for the second KPMG outcomes report 2012/2013 not being completed was due to a judicial review of procurement of problem gambling services. Was KPMG involved in this judicial review?

The information relating to this request is itemised below. Some of the information you requested is already in the public domain. This information is available at <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/problem-gambling>.

I have decided under section 9(2)(h) of the Act to withhold information to maintain legal professional privilege. Specific grounds are noted below where information has been withheld.

<b>Request</b>	<b>Response</b>
<p>1. Does the Minister consider the large amount of public money (almost three-quarters of a million dollars) spent on the two KPMG outcomes reports an example of good value for money?</p>	<p>1. The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) informs me that the KPMG outcomes reports – particularly the framework itself – have informed development of the Strategy to Prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm. While the most recent report has not been published, elements of it have informed future progress.</p>
<p>2. The Ministry has advised that one of the KPMG outcomes report for 2012/2013 was not completed and will not be published. Was the full contracted amount paid out to KPMG for this incomplete report? If yes, then why? Please provide all email and other correspondence on this decision to pay KPMG for the incomplete report if in fact this was the case. Please provide the date on which the final payment was made.</p>	<p>2. Yes, the final contracted deliverable was completed, therefore the Ministry paid the full amount under the contract. Documentation on that decision is legally privileged and therefore has been withheld under section 9(2)(h) of the Act.</p>
<p>3. Were there any benefits to problem gamblers as a result of the two KPMG outcomes reports? If yes, please provide all correspondence and documentation relating to these improvements.</p> <p>3.1 Were there any practical benefits to problem gamblers and their families from the two KPMG outcomes reports? If yes please provide all correspondence and documentation, including dates of when these benefits or improvements occurred and a description of these improvements and benefits.</p>	<p>3. The Outcomes Framework and Baseline Report have informed the development of the Ministry's strategies to prevent and minimise gambling harm (available publically on the Ministry's website). One example is that the number of National agency referrals increased by 35 percent since 2011/2012.</p>
<p>4. The Ministry of Health has stated that the reason for the second KPMG outcomes report 2012/2013 not being completed was due to a judicial review of procurement of problem gambling services. Was KPMG involved in this judicial review?</p>	<p>4. No.</p>

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold information under this request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Dunne', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

**Hon Peter Dunne**  
**Associate Minister of Health**