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**Official Information Act (1982) requests**

I write in regard to your Official Information Act Request that we recently received.

On 24 April, we advised you that we required an extension of time to provide responses to multiple OIA requests for information related to CMDHB facilities and infrastructure. In particular, this requirement relates to retrieval of archived documents/ correspondence and reports. We are continuing to work on the retrieval and collation of the specific information you have requested under the OIA for release to you.

In the interim, we wish to advise that we have reviewed the minutes related to the facilities papers presented in Board Meeting 'public excluded' agendas in 2016-17, that were initially withheld in our release on 19 March 2018.

The documents are Minutes from the 5 Board meetings, covering 6 papers that were presented to the Board. The Strategic Assessments have previously been provided to you.

We acknowledge the material is in a number of respects also historical with events having moved on, with certain matters now in the public domain (for instance, the \$3M settlement figure from the recent settlement with Hawkins and conclusion of negotiations with Hawkins for building remediation work). We note that:

- There are few other credentialed construction firms who could do this work;
- Time was against the DHB in returning to undertake a market exercise; and
- The DHB involved professional advisors at each stage to "test" the deal on offer, and the ultimate contract and its management of the risks faced by both Hawkins and the DHB; and
- Crown approval for the funding required also placed constraints on any approval – these constraints were satisfied.

This advice on these available documents does not diminish our obligations under the Official Information Act. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on the retrieval and collation for release to you of the specific information/ material and details that you have requested under the Official Information Act.

I trust this additional available information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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