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Dear Mr Presland

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 3 April 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following:

‘Radio New Zealand has recently highlighted a number of issues concerning Middlemore Hospital buildings including but not limited to leaky buildings, rot, asbestos, sewerage leaking behind walls and power supply problems.

What briefings did the Minister of Health receive concerning these issues from 2008 to October 2017? And what if any Cabinet Papers during this period referred to these issues?’

The information relating to the scope of this request is itemised in Appendix One. You requested information from November 2008. Researching information this far back is difficult, we have provided you information from 2012 onward. We trust the information answers your request.

I have decided under Section 2 (ba)(ii), and Sections 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(j) of the Act to withhold information in relation to costs of settlement and information that is commercially sensitive. Specific grounds are noted in each document where information has been withheld.

Due to the large size and quantity of documents being released, and for security purposes, we are unable to attach the documents to this email. These documents are being released via an Electronic File Transfer process.

You will shortly receive an email from moheftserver@moh.govt.nz. This will contain set up details for the file transfers (including the server and port details) and your user name. A second email will be sent with your password.

Please note you will need to use the exact information as sent in the emails. If you have any issues with accessing the information please contact the Ministry of Health’s Service Desk on IT_ServiceDesk@moh.govt.nz or (04) 816 2011.

In the folder you will also find additional information related to Counties Manukau facilities which has been released with other Official Information Act requests. Documents are saved in the folder in the yymmdd (year, month, day) format, followed by the title of the document.

In relation to the additional information, you are advised of the following:

- The Capital Investment Committee (CIC) is a section 11 committee which provides advice to the Ministers of Health and Finance on the prioritisation and allocation of funding for capital investment and health infrastructure.
- DHBs are responsible for their own capital works up to a value of just under \$10 million. Over that they must present a business case to the Capital Investment Committee.
- CIC meets on a regular basis. At those meetings, all CIC minutes are considered as draft before being confirmed at the next meeting.
- DHBs must follow the Treasury Better Business Case process (<https://treasury.govt.nz/information-and-services/state-sector-leadership/investment-management/better-business-cases-bbc>). This requires DHBs seeking Crown funding for projects over \$10 million to prepare the following:
 - Strategic assessment
 - Indicative Business Case
 - Detailed Business Case
- Long Term Investment Plans (LTIPs) are a requirement of the Investment Confidence Rating (ICR). Seven DHBs have been reviewed through the ICR process (<https://treasury.govt.nz/information-and-services/state-sector-leadership/collaboration-initiatives/investment-management-system/review-investment-reviews/investment-intensive-agencies>). The Ministry encouraged DHBs to prepare draft LTIPs in 2016. This information was the DHBs' first attempt and some have refined the information since the initial draft.

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



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Director
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Appendix One: Itemised list of Documents within scope

Date	Document Title	Withheld
17-Oct-12	HR20121468: DHB owned leaky buildings report	Other DHB information outside of scope
4-Feb-14	HR20131810: Counties Manukau DHB: Approval to proceed to Detailed Business Case for Mental Health Unit	
29-May-14	HR20140590: Visit to Counties Manukau DHB to discuss Acute Mental Health Unit -29 May 2014	
27-Mar-15	HR20150318: Request for Approval of Counties Manukau DHB Detailed Business Case for Mental Health Unit	All redactions under 9(2)(j) Commercially sensitive and negotiation
18-Aug-17	HR20171321: Counties Manukau DHB request for Crown funding for recladding of Scott building.	s2 (ba)(ii) Redacted costs of settlement