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Response to your request for official information

Dear Amanda

Thank you for your request for official information, received on 29 June 2018, requesting:

I wish to request a timeline and roadmap of your current and future projects or funding that affect Transgender care

The Ministry of Health does not hold a timeline and roadmap relating to current and future projects or funding that effect Transgender care, however can advise that;

- Work is currently underway to ensure that those people near the top of the waiting list for gender affirming care have received pre-surgery assessments and are ready for surgery when possible,
- Exploratory advice is being developed for the Minister, on future funding mechanisms and delivery of lower surgery by the end of October 2018,
- In parallel to this work, advice is being developed on possible future improvements to settings and care pathways for gender affirming care more generally. This piece of work is likely to take longer due to the scale and it depends on the outcomes of the work programme on lower surgery. A completion date has not yet been set.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone: 0800 802 602

Yours sincerely



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