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Dear Mr Graham

Thank you for your email of 20 May 2013 requesting official information. You asked for the full unredacted Regulatory Impact Statement on the Government Response to the Family Carers Case.

The Regulatory Impact Statement provides an analysis of policy options to respond to the Courts' decisions regarding the payment of family carers of disabled people. It also includes legal advice on risks associated with that response and how those risks can be managed.

Legal advice to the Government is professionally privileged. I have therefore declined your request because the sections of the Regulatory Impact Statement that are redacted are withheld under Section 9(2)(h) of the Official Information Act 1982 to maintain legal professional privilege and Section 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. The Ministry of Health has reviewed all the redactions and, with the exception of paragraph 42, the legal professional privilege still applies. Paragraph 42 contains information that is disclosed elsewhere in the document and has been restored. The Regulatory Impact Statement can be found on the Ministry of Health website.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision not to release the information.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tony Ryall
Minister of Health