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Tēnā koe Tulson

Official information request HNZ00007578

Thank you for your email of 28 November 2022, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

"Could I please have all correspondence from yourself to any minister, DHB or legal team in regards to the Nurses Pay equity back pay that is still not settled."

On 7 December 2022, we contacted you to confirm if you were referring to all correspondence sent by the Chief Executive of Te Whatu Ora or all correspondence sent by the Minister of Health.

To which you replied with the below on 12 December 2022:

"All correspondence sent from the minister to the DHB not specifically the chief executive of Te Whata Ora. The minister to Any employee or associate representing Te Whata Ora".

As your request relates to a current live issue, we are refusing your request in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act as it is still under active consideration. The release of this information at this time is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice, and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at <u>hnzOIA@health.govt.nz</u>. If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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