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Tēnā koe Harry

I refer to your request received 2 July 2022, by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), which you refined on 25 July 2022, requesting information about health and infrastructure spending decisions in Whangārei since October 2017. As your request more closely relates to the functions of the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, it was transferred to Corrections from DPMC on 24 August 2022 in accordance with section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Your request has been considered under the OIA.

You requested:

“All documents and Cabinet papers mentioning Whangārei in relation to infrastructure and health funding decisions from the date beginning October 2017.”

Corrections has not funded infrastructure within the Whangārei district since October 2017. Therefore, your request is refused in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

As per section 18B of the OIA, we have considered whether consulting with you would enable the request to be made in a form that would remove the reason for the refusal. However, we do not consider that the request can be refined in this instance, as your request is specific, but the information does not exist.

Furthermore, there have been no health funding decisions specific to the Whangārei district since October 2017. However, given the wide scope of your request, Corrections does fund Community Residential Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) programmes that are delivered in Whangārei. The funding for these programmes do not require Ministerial or Cabinet approval and are considered out of scope of your request. If you wish to know more about Corrections AOD programmes, you can view our AOD strategy [here](#).

Corrections proactively releases its Cabinet papers and related material on our website [here](#).

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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