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Tēnā koe Sam Malik

## Official Information Act request relating to establishment of Te Whatu Ora

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 10 August 2023. You requested:

*"Can I please ask how much has been spent on the change of new health system including extraction of Te Whatu Ora from Ministry of Health as well as combining 30 entities into one massive organisation while they still work differently from each other and are still called DHBs at many places.*

*Please provide data:  
From 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2022  
From 1 Jan to 31 July 2023*

*What Advice did the former PM Ardern get regarding risks involved and what was done done to mitigate those risks from your office. I don't need the full briefings but relevant extracts and emails should be suffice."*

This office does not hold the requested information and I believe it is held by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and the Ministry of Health (Health), respectively. Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request to, in full, to both DPMC and Health under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

Health will respond with any information it holds regarding costs and advice provided to the former Prime Minister, Rt Hon Dame Jacinda Ardern. DPMC will be responding with information prepared by the Health and Disability Transition Unit including any advice provided to the former Prime Minister it holds.

DPMC and Health have the usual time limits from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Ngā mihi nui

  
Andrew Kirton  
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