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Ref: OIA-2021/22-1512

Dear Polly Adams

Official Information Act request for contracts with Ernst & Young in relation to Health Sector Reforms

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 18 July 2022. You requested:

*“(...) information relating to your contracts with EY for health sector reform. Please provide copies of the sections of your contracts with EY that describe what their objectives, deliverables, outputs and milestones are under those contracts relating to reform of the health sector.
In addition, Please confirm whether you have a contract in place with EY for 2022/23 financial year and, if so, what they have been contracted to deliver after 1 July 2023.”*

In response to the part of your request for copies of specific sections of contracts between the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and Ernst & Young Ltd (EY), please find enclosed Appendix One which includes relevant extracts from All of Government Consultancy Services Orders. Note that there are some sections of the extracts which are not relevant to your request, and have been marked accordingly.

The targets and anticipated deliverables scoped in each contract, or variation, were based on best knowledge of the demands and requirements of the reform programme at that point in time. Given the scale and complexity of the reform programme, there was a need to be agile as the demands and requirements changed as the reform progressed. This was expected and part of the agreement and arrangement between DPMC and EY. This approach was critical in being able to pivot and prioritise deliverables and activities as required to successfully progress the reforms in the timeframes agreed by Cabinet.

The Health Transition Unit currently has a contract in place with EY until 30 September 2022. This is the only contract DPMC has with EY for the 2022/2023 financial year, as after this date the Health Transition Unit will be disestablished.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. McKernan', with a large, stylized initial 'S' and 'M'.

Stephen McKernan
Director, Health and Disability Review Transition Unit