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Tēnā koe Simon

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health-Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 8 February 2024. You requested:

*“ - I request confirmation that Treasury has been advised of errors in the budget bid.
- I request confirmation that the current Minister, Dr Shane Reti, has been advised of errors in the budget bid.”*

The Ministry has assumed your request relates to your previous requests in February ref:H2023019669 and April ref:H2023019882 in 2023 that referred to errors made in the Budget Bid from 2022 on improving access to primary health care services for transgender people.

As indicated in the previous responses to your information requests, we regret the two errors made in the Budget bid and thank you for bringing these to our attention. One error related to the number of transgender women and transgender men in New Zealand and the other error related to studies cited that did not make specific claims about the potential to reduce the need for future genital surgeries. Both of these errors did not have any bearing on the intent of Budget bid and the modelling was based on correct numbers.

The Treasury has been made aware of the error in the budget bid. Hon Dr Shane Reti has not been advised by the Ministry; however, the former Minister of Health, Dr Ayesha Verrall was informed, as the Minister previously responsible.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Prestige', written in a cursive style.

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