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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 7 March 2024 as a follow up to information provided to you under reference: H202435836. You requested:

“Please provide the advice on the errors to Treasury and Dr Ayesha Verrall as described in your last email.”

No formal advice (ie, in the form of a briefing or memo) was provided to the former Minister of Health, Dr Ayesha Verrall regarding the errors in the ‘Improving Access to Primary Care for Transgender and Non-Binary people’ Budget bid. As such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act. However, this matter was noted by the Ministry as part of its consultation with the Minister’s office¹ on your former official information request at the time (H202435836 refers).

The Minister’s office and the Treasury were informed of the errors in the Budget bid through phone calls from the relevant Ministry officials.

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

¹ The Ministry has adopted a ‘no surprises’ approach with their responsible Ministers. In line with this principle, agencies “inform Ministers promptly of matters of significance within their portfolio responsibilities, particularly where these matters may be controversial or may become the subject of public debate” (refer to the [Cabinet Manual 2023](#))



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