



15 June 2021

Dr Matthew Jenks
Consultant Anaesthetists
on behalf of the Sustainable Health Sector National Network
by email: fyi-request-15443-6a7ec8c9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: OIA-2020/21-0604

Dear Dr Jenks

Official Information Act request relating to a Sustainable Development Unit at the Ministry of Health

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request which was transferred from the Ministry of Health to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 19 May 2021. You requested:

“Has there been a budget request to fund a sustainable development unit (similar to the NHS SDU) at Ministry of Health?”

A centralised sustainable development unit is something that the new entities might consider in the future. However, at this time, the Health Transition Unit within DPMC does not hold any information on the creation of such a Unit. Accordingly, the information you have requested does not exist and I therefore must refuse your request pursuant to section 18(g)(i) of the Act.

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 DPMC’s website.

Yours sincerely

Stephen McKernan
Director, Health and Disability Review Transition Unit