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Tēnā koe Kurt

Thank you for your request of 7 August 2021 to the Ministry of Health (MoH), requesting information about funding for Mental Health. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

As you are aware, MoH partially transferred your request to Corrections on 30 August 2021 under section 14 of the OIA.

You requested:

Please provide all relevant information around the 1.9 billion dollars earmarked for Mental Health NZ. Including, money spent on paid consultants

On 24 September 2021, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet published a Mid-term Review of the 2019 Mental Health Package. This review outlines Corrections' initiatives attributed to the funding. The information requested, as it relates to Corrections, can be found on pages 21-23 and 34 of the review. You can find the review [here](#). The funding is directed towards operational services which is a mix of contracted and employed services. No money has been spent on consultants.

As your request is currently very broad and has no specific timeframe, a large amount of information would fall within scope. This could include any documents, reports, e-mails or memos relating to the funding. These would need to be collated and manually reviewed.

Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation. Under section 18A(1) of the OIA, we have also considered whether fixing a charge or extending the time limit would allow us to respond, however, we do not believe it to be a good use of our publicly funded resources.

As per section 18B of the OIA, we have considered whether consulting you would assist to make the request in a form that would remove the reason for the refusal. However, we do not consider that the request could be refined in this instance.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi

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

Robert Jones
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