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James Webb

By email: fyi-request-27365-f38ec38c@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: SROIA-145

Dear James

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 24 June 2024 regarding the funding of the 13 cancer drugs. Each part of your request is response to below:

- Please provide all advice the Minister has received regarding the funding of 13 cancer drugs as per the National Party's pre-election commitment*

18 documents have been identified within the scope of this part of your request and have been listed below. However, as the information will soon be publicly available on the Ministry of Health's website at www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/general-information-releases, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

- Briefing - Options to progress the additional cancer treatments initiative - H2023033208
- Aide Memoire - Funding options to increase access to cancer treatments and other medicines - H2024044108
- Memorandum – Additional Information Funding options to increase access to cancer treatments and other medicines H2024044108A
- Cabinet paper – Increasing access to cancer treatments and other medicines
- Aide Memoire – Cabinet paper - Increasing access to cancer treatments and other medicines – H2024044889
- Cabinet Minute of Decision - Increasing Access to Cancer Treatments and Other Medicines
- Briefing: Budget 2024: in-principle decisions for Vote Health following the bilateral meeting with Minister of Finance H2023037497
- Briefing: Vote Health bilateral meeting pack: H2024037061
- Further material to support the Vote Health package - H2024036600
- Budget 2024: Proposed Vote Health Package H2024035078
- Budget 2024: in-principle decisions for Vote Health following the bilateral meeting with the Minister of Finance H2024037497
- Budget 2024: Revisions to the Vote Health Package for submission H2024036127
- Budget 2024: Vote Health Financial Recommendations H2024039092
- Roadmap for Vote Health in Budget 2024 H2023033225
- Budget 2024: Progress update and advice to support Joint Ministers' meeting on 1 February 2024 H2024035027

- Budget 2024: Meeting materials for Vote Health progress and process session on 25 January 2024 H2024035026
- Aide Memorie: Meeting between the Hon Dr Shane Reti, Minister of Health and Mr Rami Rahal, Chief Executive of Te Aho o Te Kahu, Cancer Control Agency H2023034564 – January 2024
- Aide Memorie: Meeting between the Hon Dr Shane Reti, Minister of Health and Mr Rami Rahal, Chief Executive of Te Aho o Te Kahu, Cancer Control Agency H2024041865 – June 2024

2. *Please provide all budget bids related to the funding of the cancer drugs.*

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3. *Please provide all updates, memos, emails, digital messages or other communications the Minister received regarding the media coverage on cancer drug funding*

We have identified one text message in scope of your request. Where information is withheld, this is noted in the document itself. We have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

This office has also issued a press release which is available on the Beehive website here: www.beehive.govt.nz/release/transformative-investment-cancer-treatments-and-more-new-medicines.

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.

Yours Sincerely,



Jonathan Franklin
Senior Ministerial Advisor

To: Nicola Willis



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