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Tēnā koe Rodney

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 1 November 2024 for information regarding formal advice related to establishing a new medical school. You requested:

"Please provide plans, business cases and economic evaluations related to establishing a medical school."

The Ministry has proactively released information relating to the New Waikato Medical School. The first group of documents are available on the Ministry's website here: <u>www.health.govt.nz/information-releases/establishing-a-new-medical-school</u>. This release includes Cabinet material and supporting papers associated with the New Medical School Programme Business Case (PBC) and Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) that were considered by Cabinet in September 2024.

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: <u>oiagr@health.govt.nz</u>.

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: <u>info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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