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**Ref: H201602926**

Dear Ms Beauchamp

**Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request of 17 July 2016 to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

- a list of any reports prepared specifically for the Ministry of Health in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 provided by the following firms KPMG, Ernst & Young, Pricewaterhousecoopers, Deloitte, McKinsey, or Boston Consulting Group.
- I request that the list of reports contain the name of the report, a short summary of the purpose of the report, and total cost incurred by the Ministry in commissioning the report.

I note also your revised request of 22 July 2016 for:

- I note that other agencies, such as Treasury regularly report on their use of contractors to the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

If the Ministry of Health reports its use of consultants to the F&E committee or has information collated in a similar way (in another corporate document) to the example above I would be happy to amend my request to ask for copies of those reports, where available, for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

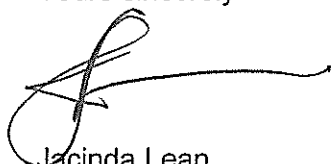
The Ministry reports to the Health Select Committee, not the Finance and Expenditure Committee. The data that the Ministry has reported to the Health Select Committee is not to the level of detail that you require. Responding to your revised request would require a manual search to establish whether the costs were incurred for the commissioning of reports relevant to your request, before determining whether the information could be released. I note the proviso to your revised request, that:

- If the Ministry of Health is unable to furnish my amended request I ask that the original request stand.

As the Ministry advised you on 21 July 2016, responding to your original request would require substantial collation and research. Therefore, I am refusing both your original request and the revised request under section 18(f) of the Act, on the grounds that they would require substantial collation and research.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jacinda Lean', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jacinda Lean  
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