Office of Hon Dr David Clark

MP for Dunedin North

Minister of Health

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A Masters

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Dear A Masters

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received 26 November 2017, for:

- all correspondence, emails, letters, minutes of meetings between yourself and Mr Bowkett.
- 2. a statement from yourself as to the nature of the relationship between yourself and Mr Bowkett.

Regarding your first request, Mr Bowkett is a member of the Ministry of Health's Executive Leadership Team (ELT). I meet regularly with members of ELT on a range of matters. The Act requires under s12(2) that "the official information requested shall be specified with due particularity in the request". Accordingly I ask you to refine your request so that I am able to consider further.

Regarding the second part of your request, for a statement from Hon Dr David Clark, please find this below:

My relationship with Mr Bowkett is through the Director General of Health in his capacity as a member of the Executive Leadership Team at the Ministry of Health"

You may also wish to look up the State Services Commission's website, which clearly sets out the process for the recruitment and appointment of public service chief executives, who are appointed by the State Services Commissioner in accordance with the State Sector Act 1988.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.omudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0900 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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