

4 October 2018

Ms Amanda Ashley
By email: fyi-request-8156-e015941e@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: H201806125

Dear Amanda Ashley,

Response to your request for official information

I refer to your request to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) of 8 September 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

OIA: You mention in your reply "Exploratory advice is being developed for the Minister, on future funding mechanisms and delivery of lower surgery by the end of October 2018. "Are you able to provide any information in regards to this?"

This advice is still being developed, and at the time of writing we are not able to provide any further information. Once the advice is developed it will also require Ministerial consideration.

Your request is therefore refused under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through - the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely



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