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Dear Mr Khanh

Re: Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request received by email on 24 October 2018 in which you specifically requested the following:

Could you please provide me more information on the regulation or government policies on controlling deficit at DHB?

National policy on DHB financial operations are contained in the Operational Policy Framework (OPF) 2018/19 (Chapter 12). Please see link below.

<https://nsfl.health.govt.nz/accountability/operational-policy-framework-0/operational-policy-framework-201819>

How these deficits have affected your operation?

SDHB receives deficit support from the Ministry of Health to ensure a sound cash position. We are striving to improve operational efficiency to reach a sustainable financial position, which will allow us to increase investment in facilities and services for our community.

Have your DHB received any types of financial supports to reduce deficit and improve the financial status.

The Ministry of Health provides cash in the form of equity to support DHBs where operating deficits affect their working capital. However, this does not constitute a reduction in their deficit. See also information about deficit support in the OPF (Chapter 12).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

Yours sincerely

Chris Fleming, **Chief Executive Officer**