

28 March 2023

S9(2)(a)



**Your Official Information Act request, reference HNZ00008262:**

On 5 December 2022, your request was transferred from the Ministry of Health to Te Whatu Ora Health - New Zealand under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for response. You specifically requested information relating to the New Dunedin hospital. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

*1) How much has been spent to date on architecture and planning for the new Dunedin Hospital? Please breakdown by amount spent, company paid to, and dates of payment. Is it correct that existing plans and designs for the new Dunedin Hospital have been scrapped and new ones are being designed? If so, why were the existing plans scrapped?*

As at 11 January 2023, the total amount spent to date is \$58,540,144.04.

Part of your request for specific details for the date and the amount paid to each company is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.

*2) Who were the decision makers for this? Which company/(s) designed the scrapped plans? Which company/(s) are designing the new plans? Will this have an impact on timelines for completion, if so, how much longer will the project take now? Is Minister Andrew Little aware of the reasons for the scrapping of the existing designs?*

The additional funding and design changes were approved by the former Minister of Health Hon Andrew Little and the Minister of Finance Hon Grant Robinson. The following groups are responsible for the design of the new Dunedin hospital:

- Warren and Mahoney (Architecture and Health Planning)
- Holmes Consulting (Structural)
- Beca (Building Services)

The Government has approved an additional \$110 million for the New Dunedin Hospital to manage market cost escalation and to complete the project. The additional funding means the project will continue with some changes which incorporate design flexibility to increase capacity in the future. The inpatient building main construction is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2024 and construction completion is expected in 2029. The outpatient building is on track to be delivered in late 2025.

Further information about the \$110 million funding is publicly available at:

[www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-updates/new-dunedin-hospital-receives-additional-110-million-funding/](http://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-updates/new-dunedin-hospital-receives-additional-110-million-funding/).

The briefing to the Minister where this was approved is now available on Te Whatu Ora website:

[www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/assets/Publications/HNZ00008490-New-Dunedin-Hospital-Value-Management-Advice.pdf](http://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/assets/Publications/HNZ00008490-New-Dunedin-Hospital-Value-Management-Advice.pdf).

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*3) Please provide any correspondence between Health NZ/Ministry of Health and Minister Little regarding the original designs/planning, the scrapping of them, and decisions to engage other company(s) to redesign/plan the hospital?*

Te Whatu Ora has endeavoured to search for any information within the scope of your request, including undertaking a search of multiple internal email inboxes. Information identified in scope of this request is itemised in **Appendix 1** which outlines the grounds under which I have decided to withhold information. Where information is withheld this is noted in the document itself. Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

### **How to get in contact**

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [h.nz.OIA@health.govt.nz](mailto:h.nz.OIA@health.govt.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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## Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	12 July 2022	<b>Email Correspondence:</b> RE: Dunedin hospital	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.
2	2 September 2022	<b>Email Correspondence:</b> NDH Comms	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. Additional information has been deemed out of scope of your request and removed accordingly.
3	28 September 2022	<b>Email Correspondence:</b> RE: NDH Value Management report	Some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9(2)(a)</li> <li>• 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers and officers and employees of any public service agency.</li> </ul>
4		<b>Email Correspondence:</b> HN00004354 New Dunedin Hospital Value Management	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
4.1		<b>Attachment: Aide-Mémoire</b> New Dunedin Hospital – Value Management	Some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9(2)(a);</li> <li>• 9(2)(b)(ii), where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.</li> </ul> Additional information has been deemed out of scope of your request and removed accordingly.
4.2	7 September 2022	<b>Attachment: Memorandum</b> Inpatient Building and Logistics Building Design Optimisation Recommendation	Some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9(2)(b)(ii);</li> <li>• 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.</li> </ul>

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4.3	2 September 2022	<b>Attachment: NDH Value Management option 4.2 and 4.3 - Clinical and Operational Impact Statement – Te Whatu Ora, Southern</b>	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
4.4	16 September 2022	<b>Attachment:</b> Te Whatu Ora Southern response to NDH Value Management Option 4.4	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.
4.5	September 2022	<b>Attachment:</b> Appendix 4 NDH Contingency status as at September 22	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
5	7 – 10 October 2022	<b>Email Correspondence:</b> RE: NDH cost escalation comments from Ministers - further comments to come on Monday	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. Additional information has been deemed out of scope of your request and removed accordingly.
6	29 November 2022	<b>Email Correspondence:</b> NDH Bullet points	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
7	5 December 2022	<b>Email Correspondence:</b> RE: NDH cost escalation briefing	
7.1	28 November 2022	<b>Attachment: Email Correspondence</b> NDH cost escalation paper - inclusion of update on governance arrangements	
8	12 September – 7 November 2022	<b>Excerpts:</b> Items from the Te Whatu Ora weekly report to the Minister of Health.	Released as excerpts in accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the Act. Additional information has been deemed out of scope of your request and removed accordingly.