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### RE Official information request CDHB 10523

I refer to your email dated 13 January 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from the Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- **Can you supply any correspondence, between Norma Campbell and staff or representatives from the College of Midwives regarding a primary birthing unit in central Christchurch AND the RFP for a site or building for endoscopy services and a primary birthing unit from June 2019 - January 15, 2021.**
- **All correspondence between Norma Campbell and any member of the executive management team (including David Meates, Peter Bramley, Andrew Brant) regarding a primary birthing unit in central Christchurch AND the RFP for a site or building for endoscopy services and a primary birthing unit from June 2019 - January 15, 2021.**
- **Any correspondence, between Norma Campbell and the CDHB chair Sir John Hansen regarding a primary birthing unit in central Christchurch AND the RFP for a site or building for endoscopy services and a primary birthing unit from June 2019 - January 15, 2021.**  
**Any response should include all documents, including briefings, emails and reports.**

I note we previously supplied to you (CDHB 10463) the Request for Proposal (RFP), the paper to QFARC and the Registrations of Interest (ROI). While the RFP process is ongoing, Canterbury DHB remains unable to provide you with additional information requested that relates to that process.

Further, Canterbury DHB holds no documents, briefings, emails or reports within the requested time period that it can release to you at this time, as all such information held directly relates to discussions around requirements, the RFP process itself and the formal DHB and Ministerial approval processes.

Accordingly, we are declining your request under the following sections of the Official Information Act: 9(2)(b)(ii) "...would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; and

9(2)(ba) “...protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the enactment, where the making available of the information –

- (i) Would be likely to prejudice the supply of information, or information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.”

9(2)(i) and (j) “...enable a Minister of Crown or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities”; or (j) “...enable a Minister of Crown or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations”.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz); or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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