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RE Official information request CDHB 10347

I refer to your email dated 3 July 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

This is an Official Information Act request for a further review carried out by consultants EY on the Canterbury DHB's financial position/performance/areas for savings. It follows the Sustainability Plan and Operational Review EY did for the CDHB/MoH last July. I understand the new piece of work was submitted to the board this week.

Please provide the following:

1. The EY review recently submitted to the CDHB.

The Ernst Young review/report dated 30 June 2020 remains subject to ongoing review/verification/discussions between Canterbury DHB and Ernst Young. It also forms the basis of ongoing discussions between Canterbury DHB, the Ministry of Health and the Minister of Health (including relating to the 2020/21 Annual Plan yet to be finalised and approved by the Minister).

We are therefore declining your request pursuant to sections 9(2)(i)(j) of the Official Information Act i.e. (i) ... enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; or (j)enable a Minister of the Crown or any department 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; 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R LaSalle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "LaSalle" written in a more fluid, connected script.

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