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**RE Official information request CDHB 10452**

I refer to your email dated 19 October 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from the Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. **A copy of the final EY report tabled / presented to the Board and/ or QFARC between June – September 2020.**
2. **A copy of the Executive Management Team response to the EY report tabled / presented to the Board and / or QFARC between June - September 2020**

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) and (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](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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