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By email: [REDACTED]  
Ref: H202009434

Dear [REDACTED]

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 15 December 2021 for:

- "1. Could you please tell me how many independent reviews/audits/reports the MOH has commissioned on CDHB financial management over the last three years, and what the cost of each review was?*
- 2. What is the ministry's opinion of the CDHB spending money on several reviews on top of the reviews commissioned by the MOH? Is this good use of public funds considering the ballooning deficit the CDHB is having to reduce?"*

Canterbury District Health Board (DHB) and the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) jointly commissioned an independent assessment of Canterbury DHB's capacity and demand in February 2019. The operational review was carried out by external consultants, Ernst & Young (EY) and the final report was completed in July 2019. The review informed the development of Canterbury DHB's operational plan and work programme, which will drive improvements in the DHB's operational and financial sustainability. Spend to date on this project by the Ministry totals \$156,212.44 (excluding GST), with the remainder to be funded by Canterbury DHB.

Please note that part 2 of your request does not constitute a request for official information pursuant to section 12 of the Act. The Ministry is not required to create information by providing an opinion on a topic or issue.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Yours sincerely



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