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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 13 June 2022. You requested:

“What initiatives received funding under Budget 2021 appropriations but did not receive funding under Budget 2022 Appropriations and; if any initiatives did receive funding under Budget 2021 appropriations but did not receive funding under Budget 2022 Appropriations, any information pertaining to the cancellation of these initiatives by the Ministry.”

All non-COVID-19-related initiatives announced in Budget 2021 which had funding continuing into the following years (as outlined in the New Policy Initiatives summary in the 2021/22 Vote Health Estimates of Appropriation) will continue to receive that funding in those outyears, so did not require additional new funding in Budget 2022.

For the remaining initiatives in Budget 2021 which had time-limited funding appropriated in 2021/22 year:

- Most initiatives had outyear funding held in contingencies, pending further work and decisions by Ministers or Cabinet. In some cases, funding was drawn down during 2021/22 and these are listed in the New Policy Initiatives summary in the 2022/23 Vote Health Estimates of Appropriation. Where contingencies are available these will be drawn down when conditions are met, such as ongoing funding for Assisted Dying Services / End of Life Choice Act 2019 Implementation.
- Two initiatives had one-off funding provided in Budget 2021 with no contingencies for outyears funding. These related to the “Continuing Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow” initiative and the “Crown Response to the Abuse in Care Inquiry” initiative. Further funding has been provided in Budget 2022 to continue these initiatives.

There have been no initiatives announced in Budget 2021 that have been cancelled through Budget 2022.

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 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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Celia Wellington'.

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