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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 Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 26 January 2023 for information regarding Ernst & Young (EY) contracts. You requested:

“Can MOH please now confirm what contracts EY have for health reform work, including contracts with MOH, Te Whatu Ora, and any other health agencies, plus how many positions their staff hold on relevant groups, like the Ministerial Advisory Group. For each contract, please state the length, cost, number of FTEs, head count, and a summary of the project.”

Although not direct health reform work, the Director-General of Health has engaged EY to provide specialist advice to support the Ministry’s changed role in the reformed health system and the required transition. The contract is for the period of 9 January 2023 to 14 April 2023, for the value of \$772,100.

I can confirm that there are no EY staff on the Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC). However, there are two staff from EY who the Ministry has contracted to provide secretariat support for the MAC on a fixed term basis until the longer-term team is in place. The contract is for the period 3 October 2022 to 28 February 2023, for the value of \$196,879.30.

I understand that you have made a similar request to Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, we have deemed the formal transfer of your request under section 14(b)(i) of the Act to be unnecessary. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora for information relevant to their agency.

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 Manatū Hauora 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'.

Celia Wellington
Deputy Director-General
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