

Memo



Date:	1 February 2019
To:	Hon Dr David Clark
From:	Fergus Welsh, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Services Directorate
Subject:	Budget 2019 Vote Health package: Revised letter for Minister of Finance
For your:	Action

The original letter for the Budget 2019 Vote Health operating package submitted to the Minister of Finance on the 19 December had placeholders for the Mental Wellbeing bids as Treasury had extended the submission deadline for these bids until 18 January 2019.

It was agreed with Treasury and Minister Office officials that once the Mental Wellbeing Bids were submitted it was recommended that you should provide a revised letter for the Budget 2019 Vote Health operating package. The Mental Wellbeing package was submitted on 18 January 2019 and this submission amalgamates the original letter and the Mental Wellbeing package into one comprehensive document.

Furthermore, there have been a number of discussions with Treasury since the original letter was submitted and we have taken the opportunity also to reflect these recommended technical amendments in this revised submission. These technical adjustments reflect:

- The bid for the establishment of the Medicinal Cannabis Agency has been withdrawn subsequent to Cabinet approving the cabinet paper for the establishment of the Medicinal Cannabis Agency, and funding set up and establishment costs totalling ^{s. 9(2)(f)(iv)} Any additional funding relating to this agency will be sought as part of Budget 2020.
- Increasing the Combined Pharmaceutical Budget bid has been added to this submission. Originally funding for this was included in the District Health Boards – Additional Support bid but Treasury has subsequently advised the Ministry that for transparency and completeness, this should be submitted as a separate bid
- While the Enhancing the Ministry of Health’s Capability to Support Government Priorities bid was submitted in CFIS on 14 December, the description wasn’t included in the letter. This has been added to the submission for completeness.

The Ministry recommends you sign and submit the revised letter and forward it to the Minister of Finance at your earliest convenience.

Signature 
Fergus Welsh
Acting Chief Financial Officer

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