

8 October 2024

s9(2)(a)

Via email: s9(2)(a)

Dear s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 30 September 2024. You requested:

*"1. I note you have a highly redacted document on the review of the Dunedin hospital build. Why are the important financial figures redacted? I would like to contact those involved and discuss this document. Without the financial figures this document is a waste of time. I also note that the writer is very skilled at interviewing his typewriter, but the document is pretty much crap. This is where the money goes.*

*2. What did this report cost?"*

We have interpreted your request to relate to the report titled *New Dunedin Hospital Review: Independent Expert Readiness Review* and published in a redacted form on our website here: <https://tewaihanga.govt.nz/our-work/reviews/dunedin-hospital-independent-review>. The parts of your request have been numbered for ease of reference below.

For part 1 of your request, it was necessary to withhold some information in the *New Dunedin Hospital Review: Independent Expert Readiness Review* (the Report) under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act:

- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments
- 9(2)(i): to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency holding the information to carry out commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

In making the decision to withhold this information, the public interest considerations set out in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act were considered. At the time the Report was prepared to be published on our website, where information was withheld, no public interest was identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it.

We have added an explanatory note about the redactions to the Report on our website. You can view this note here: <https://media.umbraco.io/te-waihanganga-30-year-strategy/g4jlw4ph/new-dunedin-hospital-expert-review-cover.pdf>. I have also enclosed a copy for you.

For part 2, the cost of the review process, which produced the Report, was \$267,903.93 including GST. This information is now also on our website here: <https://tewaihanganga.govt.nz/our-work/reviews/dunedin-hospital-independent-review>.

To the extent your request was made under the Official Information Act, I am refusing it under section 18(d) of the Act as the information you are seeking is now publicly available.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and the enclosed documents may be published on Te Waihanganga's website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely



Andy Hagan  
**General Manager – Infrastructure Delivery**

Enclosure: Explanatory note about the redactions



# New Dunedin Hospital Review: Independent Expert Readiness Review 30 May 2024

**Proactive Release**

26 September 2024

**Tewaihanga.govt.nz**

This document has been proactively released on the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission website at: <https://tewaihanga.govt.nz/our-work/reviews/dunedin-hospital-independent-review>

## Information Withheld

Some parts of this information release would not be appropriate to release and, if requested, would be withheld under the [Official Information Act 1982](#) (the Act). Where this is the case, the relevant sections of the Act that would apply have been identified. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it.

### Key to Redaction Codes:

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