



13 March 2023

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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0640

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request about risk calculations for innovation in clinical research

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, which was transferred from the Prime Minister's Office to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), and the Ministry of Health (MOH) on 8 March 2023.

You have requested:

"I attach relevant answers from director general of health.

The question posed to the pm is different

Let me rephrase it

Does government have a value at risk calculation for its assumption of risk allowing the population to innovate ?

I also note that all the answers i have recieved to date clearly spell out a lack of any formal cost benefit analysis for the major pieces of health legislation introduced and enacted in the last decade.

I think its safe to assume that all the major health reforms are not underpinned by any formal analysis on their impact on patients."

While DPMC is not the responsible agency for health, and health-related legislation, I can advise that the Health and Disability Review Transition Unit (HTU) at DPMC led the response to the Health and Disability System Review from September 2020 until its disestablishment in September 2022. This included developing the policy response and design of the system operating model, providing advice on the establishment of new entities and legislative change, and producing an overall implementation plan and work programme for the transition.

For the purposes of your request, DPMC is providing a response insofar as the documents within the scope of your request are held by DPMC. I can advise that DPMC will only be able to provide documents from September 2020 to September 2022 related to the work for which it was responsible.

I believe MOH will be able to provide you with a response with regards to other health-related legislation that has been enacted in the last decade as the responsible agency for health in New Zealand.

For clarity, DPMC has taken "value at risk calculation" and "formal cost benefit analysis" to refer to an impact analysis. From a DPMC perspective, I can confirm that proposals put

forward by the HTU have included a full impact analysis. I further advise that the relevant HTU papers have been proactively released on the DPMC website.

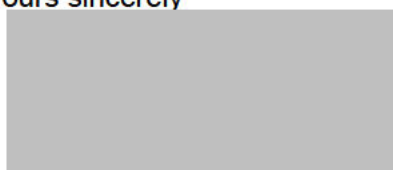
For ease of reference, I have provided a list of some documents containing an impact analysis below:

Date	Document Description	Link
4 Mar 2021	Cabinet papers relating to The Health and Disability System Review	https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/cabinet-papers-relating-health-and-disability-system-review
21 Apr 2021	Cabinet Decision CAB-21-SUB-0092: Health and Disability System Review – proposals for reform (March 2021)	https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/cabinet-decision-cab-21-sub-0092-health-and-disability-system-review-proposals-reform
20 Oct 2021	Regulatory Impact Statement: Decision on the organisational form of a Maori Health Authority	https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/regulatory-impact-statement-decision-organisational-form-maori-health-authority
24 Nov 2021	Health and Disability Reform papers informing legislation content	https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/health-and-disability-reform-papers-informing-legislation-content
13 May 2022	Proactive Release: Health and Disability System Reform – Update on Plans for Implementation and First Three Years of the Reformed System	https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/proactive-release-health-and-disability-system-reform-update-plans-implementation-and
28 Jul 2022	Proactive Release: Health and Disability System Review – policy decisions for Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Bill Departmental Report	https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/proactive-release-health-and-disability-system-review-policy-decisions-pae-ora-healthy
16 Nov 2022	Proactive Release: A Future Capitation Funding Approach – Addressing health need and sustainability in general practice funding	https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/proactive-release-future-capitation-funding-approach

Please note that the above list is non-exhaustive. Further HTU related documents are also publicly available on the DPMC website, at: www.dpmc.govt.nz/publications.

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Yours sincerely



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