

17th November 2020



Dear 

Official Information Act Request for – All communications between Counties Manukau Health & Ministry of Health related to the Counties Manukau Health Medical Radiation Technologists Collective Employment Agreement (1 June 2019 – 31 March 2022)

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us by way of transfer from the Ministry of Health (ref: H202007856) on the 29th October 2020, you requested the following information:

- **All communications, including emails, conversations, notes and minutes between Counties Manukau District Health Board, and the Ministry of Health relating to the Counties Manukau District Health Board Medical Radiation Technologists Collective Employment Agreement (1 June 2019 – 31 March 2022).**

Counties Manukau Health Response:

Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) has considered your request and believe that the material you have requested contains information that describes, and would reveal our bargaining strategies development; the offer that was settled on and reasons for this discussed between the parties, which could impact future bargaining engagements if disclosed. Industrial negotiations are confidential to the parties involved, and we hold the opinion that in the circumstances of this request, any public interest considerations do not outweigh the need for us to protect our ability to effectively undertake these negotiations. We are therefore declining to release this information, under s.9(2)(j) of the Official Information Act – this could disadvantage future industrial negotiations.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau Health website. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margie Apa", enclosed in a thin black rectangular box.

**Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive Officer
Counties Manukau Health**