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# Hon Nicola Willis

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Dame Dr Karen Poutasi  
Chair, Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora

Dear Dame Karen

Thank you for your work to address outstanding risks and opportunities related to health data and digital infrastructure.

We have recently agreed to release contingency funds to Health New Zealand to support your work to upgrade payroll and rostering systems.

We are concerned about the progress of this work to date and would like more information about what funds have already been invested, the outputs achieved, and future plans.

We request that the following detail is provided to ourselves, as well as the Treasury and Ministry of Health by 30 June 2024:

- Detail on what activity and spending on addressing payroll system risk has occurred in the last 12 months, broken down by activity and funding source.
- Concrete information on how the \$15.0 million operating and \$10.1 million capital funding will be spent, broken down by activity.
- Detail of the expected timeline and process for the development of a business case to address outstanding payroll and rostering risks.

We expect that in future, updates on this work will be provided for inclusion in the Treasury's Quarterly Investment Reporting processes.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Hon Nicola Willis in blue ink.

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Minister of Finance

Handwritten signature of Hon Dr Shane Reti in blue ink.

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