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Tēnā koe Steve

Additional Expectations of Pharmac arising from the Government response to the independent review

Thank you for your early acceptance of the findings of the independent review of Pharmac, and for your commitment to making the changes highlighted by that review.

I now attach the Government's response to that review, *Government response to the independent review of Pharmac*. I expect you will give high priority to implementing this response, especially to collective work with the Ministry of Health and other health entities to improve equity and health outcomes.

In this regard, I commend Pharmac's early engagement with board and executive members of the interim Health New Zealand and Māori Health Authority and commitment to work collectively towards the future health of all New Zealanders. Please convey my thanks to Pharmac staff members for their work with the Ministry of Health to inform the Government response, and for their ongoing work to promote the best health outcomes for all New Zealanders.

I look forward to receiving by the end of July 2022 Pharmac's initial actions to implement the Government response. I expect that those actions will include a focus on the highest priorities and areas for early progress in 2022/23 and should be incorporated in a revision of your Statement of Performance Expectations for 2022/23.

It is important, for both the public and stakeholders, that these changes are visible, and that the reasons for prioritising some changes over others in this revision are clearly explained. It is my expectation that this would be explained in Pharmac's publication of the revised SPE on its website.

I ask that your full implementation plan is submitted by the end of October 2022. This will allow for further strategic thinking and additional actions to be taken for incorporation in your draft Statement of Intent for 2023/24 to 2025/26.

I note that this is an important time for Pharmac with the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) legislation and taking on responsibility for COVID-19 vaccines. I ask that as Pharmac augments its operations you ensure that the public and stakeholders are informed and engaged. It is important to the public that changes are visible and that the reasons for prioritising some changes over others are clearly explained.

I know that the health sector works better together and look forward to Pharmac playing its full role in a sector collectively focused on equity and health improvements for all New Zealanders.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Little". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc Sarah Fitt, Chief Executive, Pharmac, sarah.fitt@pharmac.govt.nz