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Tēnā koe Professor Pickering

Health and Disability Ethics Committees

Thank you for your correspondence of 22 June 2021 regarding the membership of and appointments to the Health and Disability Ethics Committees (HDECs). I appreciate you taking the time to write.

As you may be aware, I delegated responsibility for appointments to the HDECs to Hon Peeni Henare, Associate Minister of Health. I understand that he recently selected candidates for the Southern, Northern A and Northern B HDECs and the National Ethics Advisory Committee. These appointments will be made soon, following the usual Cabinet committee process.

I understand that these appointments should address the committees' current gaps in expertise and ensure they continue to deliver on their core mandate.

I trust that this information is helpful. Thank you again for writing.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Little', written over the printed name.

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