Corporate Services



18 January 2022



Dear

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: 0IA2021161

I refer to your Official Information Act request transferred to District Health Boards by the Prime Minister's Office on 1 December 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

"Under the OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT I request the total cost of every set-up including contractors, security, workforce, hireage, purchases, administration, equipment, computer connections, stationery and any other expense associated with these checkpoints at all hospitals and any other facilities across the nation."

Based on the context of the letter you have sent, Hawke's Bay DHB has interpreted your information request to mean the cost of setting up the entry checkpoints at hospitals and other medical facilities, to screen for COVID-19.

The total front-of-house costs for alterations or staffing changes across all Hawke's Bay DHB locations (Wairoa, Central Hawke's Bay, Napier and Hastings) as a direct result of COVID-19 – i.e. since 2020 to current date is \$295,698.08. This includes building alterations, Portacom leases, additional staffing resource, including security as well as IT system supports – i.e. computers, phones, screens, printed forms and public information displays.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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