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RE Official information request CDHB 10547

I refer to your email dated 22 February 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding being a Living Wage Employer. Specifically:

1. Is your DHB currently a registered living wage employer? If yes, what factors influenced that decision?

No, Canterbury DHB is not a registered 'living wage employer'.

2. Are your contractors/sub-contractors currently living wage employers? Do you require them to be?

We do not collect or hold this information about our contractors/sub-contractors. We are therefore declining a response to this question pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

3. Does your DHB currently have plans to become a living wage employer? If so, can you describe how far you have progressed?

Canterbury DHB is not currently committed to becoming a Living Wage employer, however further analysis of becoming a Living Wage employer is being undertaken.

4. What do you see as the obstacles to becoming a living wage employer?

Any discussions about the living wage would progress in line with government expectations and through discussions with health sector unions.

I trust this satisfies your interest in this matter.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. 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 response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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