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RE Official information request CDHB 10481

I refer to your email dated 2 November 2020 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently transferred to us on 13 November 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically

- 1. The amount paid for intraocular lenses, the type of intraocular lenses purchased, and the volume ordered per year for the last five years.**

Please refer to the table below in response to the question above.

Financial Year	Volume of Lenses	Type of lenses	Amount paid
2017/18	658	Monofocal and Toric	\$108,886
2018/19	708	Monofocal and Toric	\$125,577
2019/20	590	Monofocal and Toric	\$95,050

As a result of the Canterbury DHB changing financial systems from Oracle R11 to Oracle R12, we are only able to provide information on our current financial system. To provide information prior to 2017/2018 would require a substantial amount of time and resource. We are therefore declining to provide information for 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

- 2. The amount paid for viscoelastics, surgical blades and sutures for cataract surgery.**

The Canterbury DHB does not capture the clinical supply spend per procedure and the type of consumables above will be captured within the operating theatre costs. It will not be possible without significant additional time and analysis to provide a response. We are therefore declining a response to this question under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"...the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research."*

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information on 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R La Salle', is positioned above the typed name.

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