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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10648

I refer to your email dated 1 July 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. **The amount of money your department/organisation has spent on the hiring of external contractors in the 2020/2021 financial year.**
2. **Could you also provide details of every contract over \$10,000, including who/ which firm was hired, to do what job, and over how long of a period.**

To provide you with the details requested would require a substantial amount of time and resource (we predict that it would take in excess of 40 hours) and we are declining to do this pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

What we can tell you is that a similar question appears regularly in our reporting for the Health Select Committee Report which is publicly available. Information for 2019/2020 Financial year is available online at https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCHE_ADV_108103_HE1088/c1ea9e75f9d394d145ddedba95e11b87c63e2140

Please refer to Appendix 68 (pages 188-190) 'Contractors and Consultants spend >\$50,000'.

68. How many contractors, consultants, including those providing professional services, were engaged or employed in 2019/20 and what was the estimated total cost? How did this compare to each of the previous four financial years, both in terms of the number engaged and the total cost? For each consultant or contractor that has been engaged in the previous four financial years please provide the following details:

- **Name of consultant or contractor**
- **Type of service generally provided by the consultant or contractor**
- **Details of the specific consultancy or contract**
- **Budgeted and/or actual cost**
- **Maximum hourly and daily rates charged**
- **Date of the contract**
- **Date the work commenced**
- **Completion date**
- **Whether tenders were invited; if so, how many were received**
- **Whether there are proposals for further or following work from the original consultancy; if so, the details of this work?**

We envisage we will get the same or similar questions for the 2020/2021 Health Select Committee Report which we will be responding to and which will be available in the New Year.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Maisey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tracey Maisey
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