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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10057

I refer to your email dated 8 March 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB in relation to the Resident Medical Officer (RMO) strikes that have taken place 15 January 2019 to 17 January 2019, 29 January 2019 to 31 January 2019, 12 February 2019 to 14 February 2019 and 26 February 2019 to 28 February 2019. Specifically:

1. Any remuneration, including but not limited to incentives, of RMOs, Senior Medical Officers and any other employee for work carried out as a result of the strike actions.

Payments processed to date by Canterbury DHB for work carried out as a result of the strike action are:

Additional payment for SMO strike cover - \$1,209,700.00 Additional payment for RMO strike cover - \$227,810.00

No remuneration, over and above their ordinary salary, has been identified as being paid to any other Canterbury DHB employee for work carried out as a result of the strike action.

2. Any ancillary costs incurred by the DHB as a result of the strike action including, but not limited to, meals provided, taxi chits and/or alternative days off.

As at 8 March 2019 the identifiable direct ancillary costs incurred by Canterbury DHB as a result of the strike action are:

Media	\$10,012
Strike Related Meals	\$2,893
Other related costs (staff transportation costs)	\$562
Total	\$13,467

3. Further to item (1) above, detail of all costs associated with and time spent by any other staff such as administrators, payroll staff and managers undertaking tasks resulting from the strike action including, but not limited to, rescheduling of patients, contingency planning, calculating pay alterations as a result of strike action, drafting communication with the public and other staff regarding the strike.

Tasks undertaken by other Canterbury DHB employees, such as administrators, payroll staff and managers, resulting from the strike action form part of that employees' normal duties and time spent on, or costs associated with, such tasks are not separately recorded or held by Canterbury DHB. Accordingly this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act as the information requested does not exist.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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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