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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10840

I refer to your email dated 13 March 2022 to the Hon Chris Hipkins Office which was partially transferred to us on 23 March 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding Covid health costs. Specifically Questions 4 and 5: The answers below cover the period March 2020 to February 2022.

I am requesting the full costs from these different areas as a result of covid 19 arriving in New Zealand. This request is made under the official information act.

From March 2020 to 13 March 2022.

4. The full costs of all testing centres for covid 19, including the road cone staff and the site payments etc.

\$35,104,000

5. The full costs health workers solely working with covid in labs or wards or anywhere else.

\$50,690,000

It is difficult to identify full cost of *health workers* working with COVID, the amount disclosed is the total employee cost that Canterbury DHB has spent on COVID related activities.

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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