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RE Official information request CDHB 10488

I refer to your email dated 19 November 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding the implementation and financing of temporary fencing at locations around Christchurch since the September 2010 earthquake. Specifically:

Canterbury DHB does not have any long-term lease arrangements for temporary fencing. Any temporary fencing observed in and around Canterbury DHB campuses at any given time is likely to be contractor supplied fencing that has been installed by contractors for specific construction, refurbishment or demolition projects.

1. How much has the Canterbury District Health Board spent on temporary fencing year on year since the September 2010 earthquake?

Canterbury DHB's spend on fencing will generally form part of the contractor's tender.

2. Which budget is used to finance the temporary fencing - is there a cost benefit analysis applied before fencing is put in place?

The cost of fencing provided by the contractor is part of the overall project budget.

3. Is temporary fencing sourced domestically or from overseas, or a combination of both?

Canterbury DHB does not hold information as to whether contractors source temporary fencing domestically or abroad. (Declined under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. "...we do not hold this information".

4. Does the CDHB have a preferred supplier and if so, who is it?

Canterbury DHB does not have a preferred supplier of temporary fencing as it is not generally procuring temporary fencing.

5. Is there a long-term contract with the supplier or suppliers?

For the reasons outlined in our response to question 4 above, Canterbury DHB does not have a long-term contract with any supplier of temporary fencing.

6. Is a tender process undertaken before each temporary fencing project?

If Canterbury DHB required temporary fencing, it would procure it in accordance with procurement best practice.

7. Where is the longest length of time temporary fencing has been in place at a site, and what has been the ongoing cost of placing and maintaining that fencing?

The longest length of time temporary fencing has been on site would be circa 10 years. Specifically, this fencing is Canterbury DHB owned (not leased) and is installed around the perimeter of damaged buildings on the Hillmorton Campus.

8. Is there a breakdown that estimates how many kilometres of temporary fencing have been utilised since the September 2010 earthquake or on an annual basis?

Canterbury DHB does not hold information as to how many kilometres of temporary fencing has been utilised since the September 2010 earthquakes. (Declined under section 18(g) of the Act).

9. Is damage or graffiti an issue regarding temporary fencing? How much has been spent repairing vandalised temporary fencing or removing graffiti year on year since 2010?

Damage and graffiti is not normally an issue with temporary fencing as it is generally constructed of framed wire. Canterbury DHB does not hold information as to how much is spent on repairing fencing or removing graffiti. This would be the contractor's responsibility for contractor supplied project fencing. (Declined under section 18(g) of the Act).

10. Is temporary fencing considered to have a lifespan? Which, if any, locations have needed temporary fencing replaced?

Temporary fencing has a long lifespan and generally does not need replacing unless damaged.

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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