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### RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10074

I refer to your email dated 20 March 2019 which was subsequently transferred to us from the Ministry of Health on 3 April 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- 1. How much senior doctors were paid, on top of their salary, to cover a shift for striking junior doctors in 2019?**

Canterbury DHB has processed, to date, additional payments totalling \$1,761,850.00 to Senior Medical Officers (SMOs) for work carried out by them as a result of the junior doctors (RMO) industrial action. These additional payments however do not necessarily equate to extra shifts but rather that the SMO was working in such so that they were eligible for the additional payment in accordance with the agreement between the 20 DHBs and ASMS: [https://www.asms.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/All-DHBs-ASMS-National-Agreement-on-Rates-of-Remuneration-and-General-Requirements-During-RMO-Strikes-8-January-2020\\_171239.pdf](https://www.asms.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/All-DHBs-ASMS-National-Agreement-on-Rates-of-Remuneration-and-General-Requirements-During-RMO-Strikes-8-January-2020_171239.pdf)

- 2. How many senior doctors were paid this extra amount?**

183 SMOs were paid this extra amount.

- 3. And across how many extra shifts?**

The industrial action, to date, has been for four 48 hour complete withdrawal of labour by NZ Resident Doctors Association (NZRDA) RMOs. The additional payments to SMOs were made 650 times over the period of the industrial action. As noted above the additional payments do not necessarily equate to SMOs performing extra shifts but rather that they worked in such a way to be eligible for the additional payments as per the abovementioned agreement.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping underline.

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