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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10606

I refer to your email dated 13 May 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

Re this info: (CDHB 10572)

The name of the consultants [contracted by CDHB]: Alma Consulting Limited

The term of the contract: Three months (approx.) commenced 15 February 2021.

The budget for this work: Estimated contract cost is between \$33,000 and \$55,000.

1. what was the outcome of their work?

A range of savings initiatives were identified for the Canterbury DHB to develop into the Accelerating our Future programme of work (for review as potential areas of focus and further investigation).

2. did they find significant savings and if so how much?

Each initiative is being reviewed and assessed by the Canterbury DHB's "Accelerating our Future" team. This includes assessment of the return on investment and the development of project briefs and implementation plans, including calculation of any anticipated savings.

3. how can the board justify this cost?

We are declining this request under 18(g) of the Official Information Act. It is a request for comment rather than a request for information held. No information is held.

4. what other consultants have been hired since David Meates resigned and Peter started?

No further consultants have been engaged by the Chief Executive during the period identified.

a. At what cost?

Nil. See response above.

I trust that 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

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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