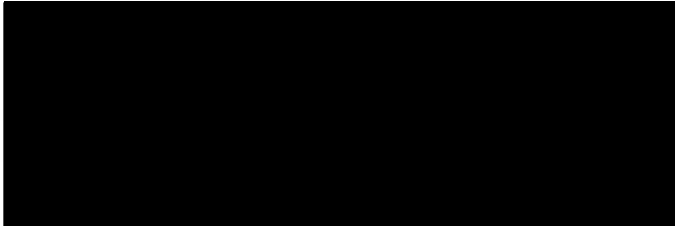


11 December 2020



Re: Official Information Request – Sensitive Expenditure

I refer to your Official Information Request dated 2 November 2020 requesting the following information relating to Sensitive Expenditure. We have provided a response to each of the questions listed below.

Please provide information relating to your relevant government department or agency on the following areas of sensitive expenditure.

For all the below categories I request breakdowns for each of the last two years (2018, 2019) and year to date.

Before we respond to each of your questions, we thought it important to provide the following context for Auckland DHB.

Auckland DHB has a staff of approximately 11,000 and manages an annual expenditure budget of \$2.6 billion. This is for costs of providing hospital and community based public health services for the Auckland DHB population estimated at 500,000 people and, for regional services as well as national services as the DHB is a provider of last resort high end services to all new Zealanders. The DHB has financial systems that capture all expenditure incurred by the DHB and all revenue generated. However, the level of granularity being sought is not easily available for all the information request areas listed above. For relativity, the costs being requested represent less than 0.15% of the \$2.7 billion expenditure.

1. Gifts (both given and received, including offered and turned down): Please provide information on the amounts spent, the gifts given or received, and the recipients.

The DHB does not centrally capture information on gifts received or turned down and to respond to this request would require us to consult with all DHB services as well as our 11,000 staff. However, the DHB has a very clear *Sponsor and Donor Interaction with ADHB policy* that provides detailed guidance to staff on the appropriateness of specific interactions with sponsors. The policy defines the DHB's requirements when considering approving (or declining) offers of sponsorship, donations, gifts and corporate hospitality from external parties.

2. **Koha, similar breakdown as above.**

Expense	FY1819	FY1920	YTD Oct20
Koha	4,215	1,185	851

3. **Tips/gratuity: Please provide a breakdown of the amount spent both domestically and internationally, including details of how much was paid and to whom. Please include details of the single largest tip or gratuity payment.**

We do not collect this information. Please refer to our response to question 1 above.

4. **Hospitality/entertainment: Please provide a breakdown of how much was spent and on what. Please provide separate breakdowns for domestic and international.**

Expense	FY1819	FY1920	YTD Oct20
Hospitality/Entertainment*	99,526	222,511	184,451

*this categorisation includes costs relating to Covid-19 activity (such as catering for Incident management staff unable to leave DHB premises), which has had a significant impact on this spend in the current and last financial year. As outlined earlier per our response we are unable to provide breakdown of domestic and international for this category of spend.

5. **Alcohol: Please provide separate figures as per above.**

Auckland DHB does not fund the purchase of alcohol. Refer to an extract from the DHB Alcohol policy provided below:

2. Policy statements

Auckland DHB premises will be alcohol-free. This means a person cannot consume, bring into, or possess alcohol in any Auckland DHB Premises. The policy does not apply to medical supplies that contain ethyl alcohol for their functionality, e.g. alcohol hand rub and alcohol wipes.

Auckland DHB will not fund the purchase of alcohol from Vote Health funds.

Auckland DHB will promote the *Alcohol Free Environments* policy and being alcohol-free. The DHB will also promote healthy non-alcoholic beverage choices.

Alcohol will not be provided or received by any Auckland DHB employee or Board member, or on Auckland DHB Premises, as a gift.

6. **Air travel: Please provide a breakdown for both international and domestic, including for economy and business class air travel. Please include figures for both business travel and contributions or allowances towards personal travel.**

Expense	FY1819	FY1920	YTD Oct20
Domestic Travel	1,130,189	909,174	229,421
International Travel	414,039	254,702	8,416

Auckland DHB does not provide contributions for personal travel.

7. **Accommodation:** Please provide a breakdown for both international and domestic. Please include figures for both business travel accommodation and contributions or allowances towards personal accommodation.

Expense	FY1819	FY1920	YTD Oct20
Accommodation	341,703	245,988	27,714

As outlined earlier per our response we are unable to provide a breakdown of domestic and international for this category of spend.

8. **Taxis/corporate vehicles:** Please provide a breakdown of taxi/corporate vehicle expenses for both domestic and international, including details of the single largest taxi bill.

Expense	FY1819	FY1920	YTD Oct20
Taxi	964,663	651,483	379,264

As outlined earlier per our response we are unable to provide breakdown of domestic and international for this category of spend

9. **Rental cars:** Please provide similar figures for rental cars.

Expense	FY1819	FY1920	YTD Oct20
Motor Vehicle Rental & Leases*	774,258	762,784	266,653

**Note this includes long term car leases managed by the DHB fleet with all the rental vehicles used for patient care, thus not for staff personal use.*

10. **Moving expenses:** Please provide a breakdown of how much was spent on personal moving expenses for relocating staff.

Expense	FY1819	FY1920	YTD Oct20
Staff Relocation	1,020,626	909,622	498,428

11. **Parking/traffic offences:** Please provide a breakdown of both parking and traffic offence expenses, both domestic and international.

Expense	FY1819	FY1920	YTD Oct20
Vehicle Fines	833	1,156	74

Auckland DHB policy is that any parking or traffic offences are the responsibility of the staff member involved, and the DHB will seek recovery of these fines.

12. **Christmas functions:** Please provide figures on expenses related to Christmas functions.

The DHB does not fund Christmas functions. Staff are able to use donated funds or contribute to their own team functions.

13. **Social club:** Please provide figures on expenses related to social clubs.

The DHB does not pay for staff social clubs.

14. Correspondence: Please provide all correspondence for 2018, 2019 and 2020, both internal and external, including emails, letters, text messages, reports, advice etc, relating to concerns around sensitive expenditure. This should include all correspondence involving your relevant government department or agency and the Office of the Auditor General.

We are unable to provide this requested information as we do not routinely collate such information. Therefore, to answer this question we would need to ask all services and all 11,000 staff which would require substantial collation and research. Therefore, we are declining this section of your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. 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 Auckland District Health Boards website.

Yours faithfully



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