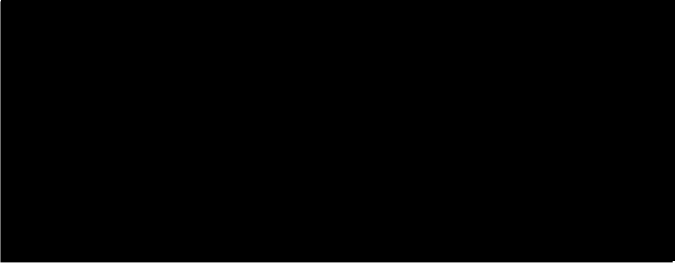


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I refer to your Official Information Request dated 4 November 2020 to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and transferred from the MoH to Auckland DHB on 6 November 2020 requesting the following information:

I would like information regarding how many foreign nationals have been charged by our public health system categorized by number of charges and nationality/passport region [between April 1st 2019 to 31st March 2020] ...by charges I mean transactions e.g a foreign national visits Christchurch hospital due to an emergency, spends time in the bed and is medicated (possibly a minor operation is performed). At the end of the day he/she is discharged and charged/invoiced a certain amount for the services.

The example above I would consider as 1 charge.

A total of 2,913 Auckland DHB non-eligible patients have been invoiced from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Please note: Overseas government account CPS and commercial accounts such as Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children, Pacific Medical Assist, Pacific Health Development, ISS-McKay Ltd, Quadrant Pacific agencies Ltd, The China Navigation Company Ltd have been excluded from the Auckland DHB total as they pay for various admissions of non-eligible debt.

We are unable to provide details of the nationality/passport region as we do not have these details.

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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