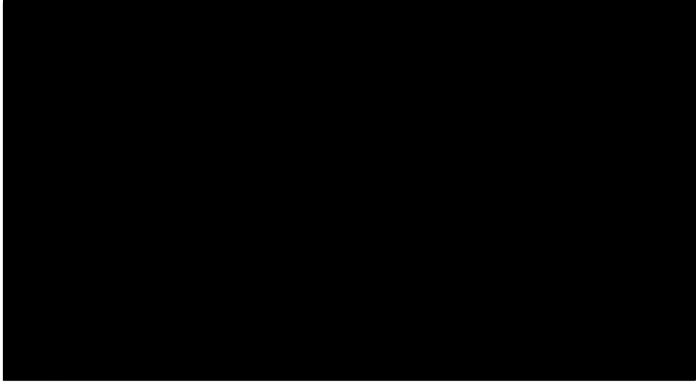


25 October 2019



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**Re: Official Information Act request – Budget cost on breast reconstruction**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 8 October 2019 requesting the following information.

I write to request the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

**The budgeted cost of the following clinical codes covering procedures for breast reconstruction:**

4553002  
4553900  
4554500  
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4554502

Auckland DHB does not budget down to the procedure code level. Furthermore, only two of the above procedure codes are used at Auckland DHB. Therefore we are declining your request under section 18(e) because the information you have requested does not exist. However, please see below for the national average price for the following two procedures.

ProcCode	ProcShortDesc	Avg WIES price
4553900	Reconstruction of breast with insertion of tissue expander	\$9,678.49
4554500	Reconstruction of nipple	\$3,553.87

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](http://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 DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive