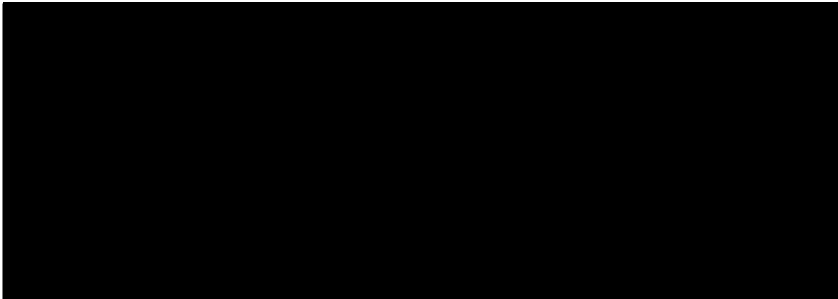


20 July 2018



Re Official Information Request – Use of Business Case Consultants

I refer to your official information request dated 1 July 2018 for the following information:

1. **Did the ADHB engage a consulting firm to put together a business case around 2013/2014?**
2. **If so, was the company concerned called Epic?**
3. **What was the purpose of the business case?**
4. **Was there a 'roadshow' involving Epic staff from overseas?**
5. **If so, how many overseas Epic staff were brought to NZ?**
6. **What was the purpose of this exercise?**
7. **How much money was paid to the consultants?**
8. **What was the outcome? Did the business case go ahead?**
9. **Please send any relevant report from the consultants.**

Our response to your request is as follows:

Auckland DHB prepares hundreds of business cases to sustain a recommendation for expenditure by Auckland DHB in any financial year. The preparation of these business cases are the responsibility of the service seeking to obtain approval. A very small number may have inputs from external consultants, for example engineers and architects where the expenditure is in respect to facilities. However, in all cases these are submitted for consideration by the relevant service, for example Facilities or Cancer and Blood.

We note that EPIC is not a consultancy firm, and has never been engaged to put together a business case for Auckland DHB.

As the answer to your initial questions are in the negative, we have determined that it is not necessary to answer any of the subsequent questions as they assume that the answers would be in the affirmative.

I trust this information answers your questions.

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.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ailsa Claire".

Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive