

21 August 2018



**Re Official Information Request - Total cost of Independent Expert Panel**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 25 July 2018 for information relating to costs incurred by the Independent Expert Panel appointed to assess the transition plan from the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit to home for a particular patient.

You asked for the following information:

**The total cost of the Independent Expert Panel, broken down by:**

- Travel and accommodation for panel members
- Any fees or other remuneration paid to panel members
- Any other costs incurred by the Auckland DHB in funding the panel.

The information you have requested is enclosed below.

<b>2017/2018 Expert Panel Costs</b>	
Flights and accommodation	\$2,701.64
Panel fees	\$34,531.21
Other costs (catering)	\$344.75
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>\$37,577.60</b>

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ailsa Claire'.

Ailsa Claire, OBE  
Chief Executive