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**Re Official Information Request for Delta Outbreak Information**

I refer to your official information request dated 18 November 2021 for the following information

1. In each of the financial years ended 30 June 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 were Ernst & Young (EY New Zealand) engaged by the DHB to undertake any reviews, projects or other activities or work (excluding repatriation work arising out of the application of the Holidays Act), what was the purpose of each review, project, or other activity or work, and how much was paid to EY for each review, project, or other activity or work?
2. Is Ernst & Young (EY New Zealand) presently engaged by the DHB to undertake any reviews, projects or other activities or work (excluding repatriation work arising out of the application of the Holidays Act), what was the purpose of review, project, or other activity or work, when did each review, project, or other activity or work first commence, and what is the amount to be paid to EY for each review, project, or other activity or work when completed?

Our responses are as follows:

1. In each of the financial years ended 30 June 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 were Ernst & Young (EY New Zealand) engaged by the DHB to undertake any reviews, projects or other activities or work (excluding repatriation work arising out of the application of the Holidays Act), what was the purpose of each review, project, or other activity or work, and how much was paid to EY for each review, project, or other activity or work?

The amounts paid to EY for the financial year periods 2015 -2021 for various consulting services and, excluding Holidays Act related work, are summarised in the table below:

Costs in \$s (excl GST)	Financial Year ending 30 June:							Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Consultancy Services provided								
IT and Facility projects	-	-	-	20,200	60,898	2,400	-	83,498
Other Professional Services	70,116	-	57,750	18,799	364,679	177,225	37,067	725,636
Transplant Service capacity	-	-	60,767	108,984	-	-	-	169,752
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118,517</b>	<b>147,983</b>	<b>425,578</b>	<b>179,625</b>	<b>37,067</b>	<b>978,886</b>

Consulting services provided by EY covered various services across the DHB and included consultancy on Information Technology/Digital and Facility projects, review of the DHB's budgets and budgeting processes, Covid related consultancy, course fees, review of clinical services and strategy development.

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Excluding Holidays Act related work, in the 2021/22 financial year EY has been engaged to complete two projects which started in the last financial year. One an IT project and another on Critical Care Strategy development. The total payments to September 2021 amounted to \$185K (excl. GST).

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.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely,



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**Chief Executive**