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Re: Official Information Act (OIA) request – Cost to set up checkpoints in hospitals and facilities – ADHB REF: 20211201-1107

I refer to your OIA request dated 18 October 2021 to the Office of the Prime Minister and transferred from the Office of the Prime Minister to Auckland DHB on 1 December 2021 requesting the following information:

I request the total cost of every set-up including contractors, security, workforce, hireage, purchases, administration, equipment, computer connections, stationery and any other expense associated with these checkpoints at all hospitals and any other facilities across the nation.

Response

The costs we can identify are for the services operated by Auckland District Health Board. We have limited the scope of your request to the visitor screening service operating at Auckland City Hospital, Starship Hospital, Greenlane Clinical Centre and some of our other smaller facilities.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have recorded that visitor screening, including screening staff, security, technology license costs, and consumables have cost Auckland DHB \$3,823,858.

Please note that where staff have been redeployed from other parts of the organisation to support visitor screening, this cost has not been included as this is not an additional cost to the organisation. The cost of capital expense items, such as IT equipment, is also not included as much of this was repurposed from elsewhere or bought in bulk and distributed as required.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. Information about how to make a complaint is at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



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