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**Re: Official Information Act request – Payment to RMO locums**  
**ADHB Ref: 20211210-1119**

I refer to your Official Information Act request received dated 10 December 2021 requesting the following information:

1. The amount paid to RMO locums hired through agencies or bureaus outside of the management of District Health Board (i.e. not including casual employees of the District Health Board) in the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and 1 April 2021 to 31 October 2021.
2. The amount paid to RMO locums hired through the locum bureau managed by the three District Health Boards or the NRA in the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and 1 April 2021 to 31 October 2021.

#### Response

**1) Amounts paid through agencies/bureau outside the DHB's management**

Auckland DHB has not paid RMO locums through agencies outside of the management of the District Health Board.

We do not hold this information.

**2) The amount paid to RMO locums hired through the locum bureau managed by the three District Health Boards or the Northern Regional Alliance in the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and 1 April 2021 to 31 October 2021.**

We do not hold information on the amounts paid for locums working at Waitematā or Counties Manukau DHBs.

The three DHBs, but not NRA, operate a locum bureau and each DHB meets the cost direct of any locums. Auckland DHB thus does not hold information on the amounts paid for locums working at Waitematā or Counties Manukau DHBs. The below information provided is for Auckland District Health Board

**2.1) 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021**

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| a. Locum – House Officer | \$198,037.50   |
| b. Locum – Registrar     | \$1,068,938.75 |

**2.2) 1 April 2021 – 31 October 2021**

a. Locum – House Officer	\$64,630.00
b. Locum – Registrar	\$262,607.50

Those parts of your request that are refused are done so on the basis that the documents asserted to contain the information requested do not exist and, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found or are not held by this agency. We do so citing s18(e) of the Official Information Act.

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

Yours sincerely,



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**Chief Executive**