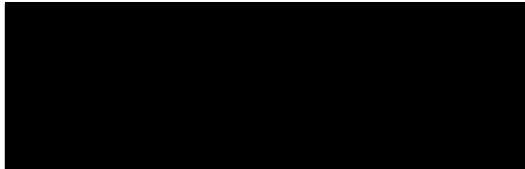




18 April 2019



Dear

Re: Official Information Act request – Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Strike Information

Thank you for your Official Information Act request which was transferred from the Ministry of Health to the Waitematā DHB on 3 April 2019. Your request was seeking information in relation to the Resident Medical Officers (RMO) strikes in 2019.

Our responses to your questions are provided below.

1. How much senior doctors were paid, on top of the salary, to cover a shift for striking junior doctors in 2019.

\$1,240,894.00

2. How many senior doctors were paid this extra amount?

147 Specialists and Medical Officers

3. Across how many extra shifts?

Specialists and Medical Officers either worked without RMO support, worked additional hours or were on call on 541 occasions this year. Duration of periods working without RMO support, working additional hours or on call varied dependent on contingency plans developed for each area.

Waitematā DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded health care. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider them.

We trust this reply satisfies your request.

Yours sincerely

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