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Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: OIA request – Christmas party, bonuses, travel costs**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 26 February seeking information about various cost breakdowns from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB).

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas, the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 7,500 people across more than 80 different locations.

In addition to providing services to our own population, we are also the metropolitan Auckland provider of forensic psychiatry, child disability services, child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

You requested the following information:

**A cost break down of Christmas party allocations for each department of the DHB, including head office, for the year 2019.**

While there are no allocations or budgeted allowances for specific departmental Christmas parties, \$50,000 is allocated for our 7,500 staff to cover:

- The cost of food for a staff lunch-time BBQ which are hosted and prepared by the Waitematā DHB Executive Leadership Team at the two main hospital campus sites at North Shore and Waitakere.
- The cost of food for BBQ lunch at Mason Clinic, again hosted and prepared by the Waitematā DHB Executive Leadership Team.
- Lunch time Pizza / Subway / sushi delivered to Mason Clinic and other outlying community sites.
- Free meals available to staff that work on Christmas Day provided at the staff canteens in North Shore and Waitakere Hospitals. Free meals for staff are delivered with patient meals for staff at He Puna Waiora, Waiatarau, Mason Clinic, Wilson Centre and Community Alcohol and Drugs (CADS).

The total cost of Christmas BBQs and lunches for 7,500 staff in 2019 is \$ 6,106.54.  
Staff meals provided on 25 December 2019: \$25,998.90

**A cost break down of all end-of-year bonuses allocated in the year 2019 by person and job title.**

The Waitematā DHB does not pay end of year bonuses.

**A cost break down of all international travel taken by the Chief Executive, paid for by the DHB in the year 2019. I would like it stipulated where the Chief Executive traveled and what the purpose was.**

The Chief Executive Officer's itemised expenses from July 2010 onwards are publicly available in annual reports published in the DHB reporting section of our website:

<https://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/about-us/dhb-reporting/ce-expenses/>

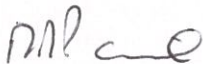
Expenses for the period July 2019 to June 2020 will be uploaded to our website in the next 8 weeks.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. 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 consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



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