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Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: OIA request - Cost of Wuhan evacuation and quarantine**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 16 April 2020 seeking information about the cost associated with the Wuhan evacuation and quarantine 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 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.

In response to your request, we can provide the following information:

**The cost in dollar terms incurred by your organisation by the evacuation and subsequent quarantine at Whangaparaoa training camp of 157 evacuees from Wuhan in early February.**

Waitematā DHB incurred costs totalling approximately \$20,000 for the supply of:

- Thermoscan
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- clinical supplies
- disinfection and cleaning supplies
- transport, freight, courier costs and logistics
- other supplies

In addition, the metro Auckland DHBs have incurred indirect costs associated with personnel providing medical care, infection prevention and control as well as planning and logistics support. We are unable to provide a figure for the amount of time staff were involved in this event as the human resource commitments are on-going costs which are attributed to the overall response to COVID-19.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Paine', written in a cursive style.

**Robert Paine**  
**Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate Services**  
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