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Dear 

**Re: OIA request – Priority spending and cancer treatment**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 19 June 2019 seeking the following of Waitematā District Health Board (DHB):

- 1. What is the DHB's top 10 priorities for spending in the 2019/20 financial year?*
- 2. What were the DHB's top 10 priorities for spending in each of the past 5 financial years?*
- 3. What has been the proportion of patients accepted for urgent diagnostic colonoscopy who received the procedure within 14 days (2 weeks) for each of the last 5 years? And what is the target for 2019/20?*
- 4. What has been the proportion of patients who received their first treatment (or other management) within 62 days of being referred with a high suspicion of cancer and need to be seen within 2 weeks, for each of the last 5 years; and what is the target for 2019/20?*
- 5. Pls (sic) also provide any spending priorities or targets that DHB has to hand for the years beyond 2019/20, if those exist.*
- 6. Any current most-recent statement of DHB priorities regarding cancer management or treatment, or concerns with that, that the Ministry has been briefed on or received any report about, oral or written, from your DHB in the 2018/2019 or 2019/20 years to date.*

As previously advised, please note questions 3, 4 and 6 transferred to the Ministry of Health for response.

Question 1 and 2 are summarised in the table following, with the exception of the 2019/2020 priorities, which have not yet been signed-off by the Minister.

In response to question 5, Waitematā DHB's future priorities are informed by planning advice received from the Ministry of Health.

Financial Year	Priorities
2018/2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Primary care,</li> <li>2. mental health,</li> <li>3. public delivery of health services,</li> <li>4. improved equity in health outcomes,</li> <li>5. improved population health,</li> <li>6. input into the governmental inquiry into mental health and addiction,</li> <li>7. long-term capital planning,</li> <li>8. improved equity of access,</li> <li>9. workforce,</li> <li>10. response to climate change.</li> </ol>
2017/2018	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maori health outcomes,</li> <li>2. health equity,</li> <li>3. care for the community and services closer to home,</li> <li>4. management of long-term conditions,</li> <li>5. vulnerable families, children and young people,</li> <li>6. better public services targets,</li> <li>7. Prime Minister's Youth Mental Health Project,</li> <li>8. childhood obesity plan,</li> <li>9. living well with diabetes plan,</li> <li>10. improved delivery of health targets.</li> </ol>
2016/2017	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Better Public Services Initiatives,</li> <li>2. initiatives relating to vulnerable families,</li> <li>3. Whanau ora, social sector trials, Prime Minister's Youth Mental Health Projects and healthy housing,</li> <li>4. reduced unintended teen pregnancies,</li> <li>5. improvements in national health targets,</li> <li>6. faster cancer treatment health target,</li> <li>7. reduction in childhood obesity via childhood obesity target,</li> <li>8. integrated primary care for the management of long-term conditions, mental health and ageing population,</li> <li>9. health IT programmes,</li> <li>10. regional working.</li> </ol>
2015/2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fostering of clinical leadership and clinically-led decision-making,</li> <li>2. integrated primary care</li> <li>3. better management of long-term conditions, mental health and ageing population,</li> <li>4. early intervention and population-based initiatives delivered in the community,</li> <li>5. national health targets,</li> <li>6. primary care health targets,</li> <li>7. improved cancer services</li> <li>8. boosted elective surgery access, particularly in orthopaedic and general surgery</li> <li>9. reduction in incidence of obesity,</li> <li>10. initiatives to support children living in hardship.</li> </ol>

I trust that this information meets your requirements. 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 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 feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Simon Watts', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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