



Hospital Services

1 July 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act request – Elective Surgery Centre (ESC) staffing

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 15 May 2019, further to your request dated 13 June, requesting examples of remuneration to surgeons for common procedures performed in our Elective Surgery Centre (ESC). In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

As per our earlier OIA response, surgeons at the ESC are not remunerated for surgical sessions alone. Their remuneration instead covers an entire package-of-care that includes the surgical procedure and post-operative care until discharge.

Examples of common procedure performed at ESC have an average cost as noted in the table below:

Procedure	Average rate \$
Arthroscopy - knee	826
Carpal tunnel release	458
Cholecystectomy - laparoscopic	1480
Excision/biopsy of breast lump	618
Hysterectomy - total abdominal	1534
Mastectomy - wide local excision / partial	1744
Repair of hernia - inguinal - laparoscopic	880
Tonsillectomy	326

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

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