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Dear 

**Re: OIA request - Use of requisitioning powers**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received Thursday 7 May 2020, seeking information about use of requisitioning powers authorised under the state of emergency or under the epidemic notice 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 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 specific request, we can provide the following information:

**In terms of the Official Information Act, please provide me with detail on your organisation's use of requisitioning powers authorised under the state of emergency or under the epidemic notice. I would like to know what sorts of goods have been requisitioned, how frequently this has happened, and what compensation has been offered. Note that I am making the same request of the Ministry of Health, the District Health Boards, and Civil Defence.**

**I would like copies of any requisition orders provided under 90(3) of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act, as well as copies of any requisition orders produced under 90(5) of the same Act. I also request detail of any compensation provided.**

**I would also like copies of any requisition orders produced under 71 (1) of the Public Health Act, also with detail of any compensation provided.**

In this request the term requisition means any exercise of a power or purported power to take or use property temporarily or permanently in connection with the COVID-19 emergency by the Crown or a public agency or for a public purpose, which is not on arms-length consensual terms. In other words, the request is not confined solely to requisitions made under the provisions mentioned above, or solely if they were described to the owner or occupier as requisitions.

No goods were requisitioned by Waitematā DHB under any conditions, including the state of emergency or in response to the epidemic notice, therefore no compensation was required.

**Please also provide any background papers, policies, guidelines, advice or related documents on the use of requisitioning powers**

Waitematā DHB does not have any policies or documentation in relation to requisitioning powers.

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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