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Dear 

Re: Official Information Act request – Senior Medical Officer cover costs

Thank you for your Official Information Act request of 8 May 2019 seeking information in relation to the costs of Senior Medical Officer Cover during the NZRDA strikes that took place 15-17 January, 29-31 January, 12-14 February, 26-28 February and 29 April-3 May 2019.

Our response to your question is provided below.

- 1. The costs of paying Senior Medical Officers to provide cover during the NZRDA strikes is as follows. However, there could be additional costs to be claimed over the coming weeks.**

Senior Medical Officers : \$1,661,744.00

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 health care. 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 them.

We trust this reply satisfies your request.

Yours sincerely

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