



# *West Coast District Health Board*

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### **RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9295**

I refer to your email dated 8 March 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB in relation to the Resident Medical Officer (RMO) strikes that have taken place 15 January 2019 to 17 January 2019, 29 January 2019 to 31 January 2019, 12 February 2019 to 14 February 2019 and 26 February 2019 to 28 February 2019. Specifically:

- 1. Any remuneration, including but not limited to incentives, of RMOs, Senior Medical Officers and any other employee for work carried out as a result of the strike actions.**

Payments made by West Coast DHB for work carried out as a result of the strike action are:

Additional payment for RMO strike cover - \$10,640.00

- 2. Any ancillary costs incurred by the DHB as a result of the strike action including, but not limited to, meals provided, taxi chits and/or alternative days off.**

West Coast DHB did not incur any ancillary costs as a result of the strike action

- 3. Further to item (1) above, detail of all costs associated with and time spent by any other staff such as administrators, payroll staff and managers undertaking tasks resulting from the strike action including, but not limited to, rescheduling of patients, contingency planning, calculating pay alterations as a result of strike action, drafting communication with the public and other staff regarding the strike.**

Tasks undertaken by other West Coast DHB employees, such as administrators, payroll staff and managers, resulting from the strike action form part of that employees' normal duties and time spent on, or costs associated with, such tasks are not separately recorded or held by West Coast DHB. Accordingly this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act as we the information requested does not exist.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

If you disagree with our decision to withhold information you may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek an investigation and review of our decision from the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz); or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Carolyn Gullery  
**Executive Director**  
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