



West Coast District Health Board

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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9309

I refer to your letter dated 15 May 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB in relation to the Resident Medical Officer (RMO) strike that has taken place from 29 April 2019 to 4 May 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 to date made by West Coast DHB for work carried out as a result of the strike action from 29 April 2019 to 4 May 2019:

- Additional Employee Hours \$3205.55
- Locum Cover for strike shifts \$13,248.00

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

- Travel and Accommodation Costs \$1128.70

- 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(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

4. The loss of revenue from rescheduling of surgeries during the period of the strike.

West Coast DHB did not have to reschedule any surgeries during the period of the strike. Accordingly this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as 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; 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 underline.

Carolyn Gullery
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