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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9376

I refer to your email, dated 2 December 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB in relation to the Medical Laboratory Workers (MLW) strike that has taken place on 14-15 November 2019:

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

No additional remuneration or incentives were paid to workers as a result of the strike actions. Therefore, this request is refused pursuant to section 18e of the Official Information Act as the information requested does not exist.

- 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.**

No ancillary costs were incurred by the DHB as a result of the strike action. Therefore, this request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information requested does not exist.

- 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 for part of that employee's normal duties and time spent on, or costs associated with, such tasks are not separately recorded or held by the West Coast DHB. Therefore this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information requested does not exist.

No elective surgery or clinics were postponed as a result of the strike.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by 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 Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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

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