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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9547

I refer to your email dated 22 April 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding accommodation costs for Buller Health Doctors. Specifically:

1. **The accommodation costs paid by the West Coast District Health Board, per month over the last five years, for doctors working at Buller Health and the type of accommodation the costs relate to (ie how much for motels, how much for rental homes etc).**

Please refer to **Table one** (below) and **Table two** (overleaf) for accommodation costs for doctors working at Buller Health over the last five years, broken down by Motels and Rentals.

Table one: Motels April 2016- Mar 2021

Motels	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
April	\$5,244	\$4,526	-	\$125	-
May	\$4,122	\$2,179	\$1,130	-	\$1,400
June	\$3,063	\$1,768	\$125	\$1,375	\$70
July	\$5,591	\$524	\$240	-	\$1,100
August	\$4,816	\$1,019	-	\$125	\$240
September	\$3,036	\$2,422	\$1,875	\$125	\$460
October	\$2,826	\$119	\$125	\$350	\$255
November	\$2,920	\$818	\$2,585	\$1,865	\$520
December	\$3,813	\$1,375	-	\$3,130	\$320
January	\$7,448	-	\$1,380	\$1,125	\$870
February	\$3,551	\$445	-	\$275	\$888
March	\$3,110	-	-	\$680	\$400
Total	\$49,540	\$15,195	\$7,460	\$9,175	\$6,523

Table two: Rental Homes April 2016- Mar 2021

Rentals	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
April	-	-	-	\$3,100	\$1,400
May	-	-	-	\$2,400	\$1,400
June	-	-	-	\$5,400	\$1,400
July	-	-	-	\$3,500	\$1,400
August	-	-	-	\$4,200	\$2,100
September	-	-	-	\$4,300	\$1,400
October	-	-	-	\$2,929	\$1,400
November	-	-	-	\$2,900	\$1,400
December	-	-	-	\$2,900	\$1,400
January	-	-	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$1,400
February	-	-	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$13,880
March	-	-	\$2,400	\$2,600	\$4,980
Total	-	-	\$6,000	\$39,029	\$33,560

2. How many Buller Health doctors the DHB paid accommodation costs for, each year, over the past five years?

For the period April 2016 to April 2021 the total number of Doctors DHB has paid accommodation for is disclosed below.

Table three:

Year	No of Doctors
2016	24
2017	10
2018	13
2019	12
2020	25
2021	8

3. How many homes the DHB has rented in Buller each year over the last five years?

The West Coast DHB has rented four houses in total over the last five years, please note these rentals were not all rented during the same time frame.

4. How many months of each year in the past five years was each of those rental homes occupied by Buller Health staff?

Of the four houses rented the total number of months where the properties were occupied is disclosed in **Table four** (below). During some years more than one property was rented therefore more than 12 months is disclosed.

Table four:

Year	Property 1	Property 2	Property 3	Property 4	Total
2016					0
2017					0
2018		3			3
2019	4	12	12		28
2020		3	10	1	14
2021			4	4	8

5. **How many homes the DHB has owned in Westport over the past five years?**

The West Coast DHB owns one house and two flats based at the Kynnersley Home grounds.

6. **How many months of each year in the past five years was each of those DHB-owned homes occupied by Buller Health staff?**

Of the three houses owned the total number of months where the properties were occupied is disclosed in **Table five** (below). Please note for the 2016 (April-December) there are no records held. The Derby Street house during this the time frame requested has not been occupied.

Table five:

Year	Property 1	Property 2	Property 3	Total
2017	3	2	0	5
2018	10	6	0	16
2019	10	7	0	17
2020	7	11	0	18
2021	3	4	0	7

I trust this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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



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