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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10607 and WCDHB 9557

I refer to your email dated 15 May 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB regarding DHB challenges to coronial findings. Specifically:

1. **How many times has your DHB challenged a coroner's findings after an inquest in each of the following years?**
2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
2. **For cases from 2017 onward:**
 - please give an overview of the case and the name of the patient concerned
 - what points were challenged, and why
 - how much did the DHB spend on its challenge in each of these cases?

The Coronial process requires Coroners to provide any party that is subject to adverse comment the opportunity to comment before findings are issued. Draft findings are provided, and the party/parties can comment on these before they are finalised.

Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB make use of that process, and as such have not challenged any Coroners findings in the years covered by your request.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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

Yours sincerely

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