

2 March 2020

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Dear s9(2)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020025

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 3 February 2020 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

How much the DHB has spent/is spending on measures to cool wards at the hospital without air conditioning:

Hawke's Bay DHB provides the following information which relates to the 2019/2020 year unless otherwise noted.

1. How many fans have been bought, and how much has this cost?

A total of 141 fans have been purchased at a cost of \$6,400.

2. How much has been spent on ice blocks and how many have been bought to date?

A total of 4650 ice blocks have been purchased at a cost of \$5,487.

3. What is the estimated budget for this until the end of summer?

The cost of these initiatives are covered by general operational budgets, no specific budget is allocated.

Ice block purchase and distribution is weather dependent, ie organised for those periods of forecast high summer temperature. As this is undertaken 'on demand' no estimated budget is allocated and its cost is covered within operational budget.

4. How much is the cooler uniforms costing? (I assume the DHB pays for this?)

Yes, HBDHB cover the cost of new and replacement uniforms where they are a required for the role. Throughout the DHB uniforms are provided to new staff, are replaced as required, in some cases annually, with the cost of this ongoing expense managed within service budgets. No additional cost is incurred to provide cooler nursing uniforms as the new uniforms are the same price as the old uniforms. Cooler uniforms for orderly staff have to date incurred costs of circa \$3,000.

5. How much has been spent so far on installing tinted window film in the hospital to help reduce heat?

Over the past two years \$5,000 has been spent on window tinting in Hawke's Bay Hospital's ward block areas.

6. *How much is budgeted to spend in the future?*

A further \$25,000 has been allocated in the capital budget to install tinted window film.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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