

# Corporate Services



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(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

## YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020132

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 30 September 2020 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

**1. What has the DHB spent on locums for medical specialists every year for the past five years in the following departments?**

- **General surgery**
- **Orthopaedics**
- **Enterology**
- **Gynaecology**
- **Ophthalmology**
- **Urology**
- **Cardiology**

Please refer to the table below for total Senior Medical Officer (SMO) locum costs for the period requested.

	2015/16 \$'thousands	2016/17 \$'thousands	2017/18 \$'thousands	2018/19 \$'thousands	2019/20 \$'thousands
General Surgery	264	411	225	82	482
Orthopaedics	120	84	76	64	79
Enterology	70	23	88	1	1
Gynaecology	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmology	9	236	348	12	203
Urology	312	140	72	161	83
Cardiology	-	1	5	-	-
Physicians	330	453	1,004	832	1,378
Other	4,428	4,861	4,629	5,667	5,608
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,533</b>	<b>6,209</b>	<b>6,447</b>	<b>6,819</b>	<b>7,834</b>

Note: Physicians and Others in the table above have been included to capture senior medical officers (eg enterologists, gynaecologists and cardiologists locums), who are generally not classified to a department in HBDHB's management system.

**2. Could I please have the total locum spend year by year over this period, as well as the total internal staff spent on specialists for the same periods?**

Total locum spend on SMOs is included in the table above. Total internal staff spend on SMOs is tabled below.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
\$'thousands	33,186	33,267	34,620	44,804	48,695

Note: through 2018 - 2019 strike actions resulted in SMO contractual costs during strikes of \$1.7 million, which is included in the figures above.

**3. What is the size of the population the DHB serves and what is its annual operating budget?**

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Hawke's Bay DHB services a population of 168,000 people; its annual operating budget (expenditure) for 2020/21 is \$670.4 million.

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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