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Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 15 May 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹ where you seek the following information:

In relation to the Resident Medical Officer (RMO) strike that has taken place from 29 April 2019 to 4 May 2019:

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

Allowance payments to Senior Medical Officers (SMOs) for cover during the 5 day strike from 29 April 2019 to 4 May 2019 will be available by end of June 2019.

For your information, total allowance payments to 43 SMOs for cover during previous RMO strike action to 31 March 2019 was \$218,850.

NMH has no separate recording/tracking of incentive type payments and, as such, declines to respond for this aspect of your request under section 18(e) *the document alleged to contain 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.***

Information for various ancillary costs is not available in a form that can be directly attributed to strike action and, as such, NMH declines to respond for this aspect of your request under sections 18(f) *'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'* of which would unreasonably interfere with our operations, and 18(e) *the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist*.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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.*

This information is not available in a form that can be directly attributed to strike action and, as such, NMH declines to respond for this aspect of your request under sections 18(f) 'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research' of which would unreasonably interfere with our operations, and 18(e) the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist'.

4. *The loss of revenue from rescheduling of surgeries during the period of the strike.*

No loss of revenue from rescheduling of surgeries as a result of strike action is expected during the 2018/19 Financial Year.

This response has been provided under the Official Information Act 1982. You have the right to seek an investigation by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone 0800 802 602.

If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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