



11 December 2020

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 13 November 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

- 1. I would like to request the amount paid for intraocular lenses, the type of intraocular lenses purchased and the volume ordered per year for the last five years. I would like to request the amount paid for viscoelastics, surgical blades and sutures for cataract surgery.*

NMH response: NMH purchases two types of intraocular lenses in a range of differing sizes. Table One provides total cost and volume for the last five financial years (1 July – 30 June).

TABLE ONE

Lenses	Lens Tecnis 1 piece clear mono		Lens bicon pci	
	Volume	Cost	Volume	Cost
2014/15	127	\$22,180	411	\$68,179
2015/16	97	\$16,845	390	\$64,350
2016/17	48	\$8,595	329	\$54,650
2018/19	168	\$27,010	290	\$49,004
2019/20	217	\$33,635	365	\$67,287

NMH does not maintain records that allow us to provide the amount paid for viscoelastics, surgical blades and sutures that are specifically related to cataract surgery.

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 I trust that this information meets your requirements. NMH, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released. If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peter Bramley'.

Dr Peter Bramley
Chief Executive

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board