

11 December 2020

Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information received 2 November 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 30 November 2020, where you seek information relating to the following areas of sensitive expenditure:

For all the below categories I request breakdowns for each of the last two years (2018, 2019) and year to date.

- 1. Gifts (both given and received, including offered and turned down): Please provide information on the amounts spent, the gifts given or received, and the recipients.***
- 2. Koha, similar breakdown as above.***
- 3. Tips/gratuity: Please provide a breakdown of the amount spent both domestically and internationally, including details of how much was paid and to whom. Please include details of the single largest tip or gratuity payment.***
- 4. Hospitality/entertainment: Please provide a breakdown of how much was spent and on what. Please provide separate breakdowns for domestic and international.***
- 5. Alcohol: Please provide separate figures as per above.***
- 6. Air travel: Please provide a breakdown for both international and domestic, including for economy and business class air travel. Please include figures for both business travel and contributions or allowances towards personal travel.***
- 7. Accommodation: Please provide a breakdown for both international and domestic. Please include figures for both business travel accommodation and contributions or allowances towards personal accommodation.***
- 8. Taxis/corporate vehicles: Please provide a breakdown of taxi/corporate vehicle expenses for both domestic and international, including details of the single largest taxi bill.***
- 9. Rental cars: Please provide similar figures for rental cars.***
- 10. Moving expenses: Please provide a breakdown of how much was spent on personal moving expenses for relocating staff.***

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- 11. Parking/traffic offences: Please provide a breakdown of both parking and traffic offence expenses, both domestic and international.**
- 12. Christmas functions: Please provide figures on expenses related to Christmas functions.**
- 13. Social club: Please provide figures on expenses related to social clubs.**
- 14. Correspondence: Please provide all correspondence for 2018, 2019 and 2020, both internal and external, including emails, letters, text messages, reports, advice etc, relating to concerns around sensitive expenditure. This should include all correspondence involving your relevant government department or agency and the Office of the Auditor General.**

NMH response: This information is not held in a form that is easily retrievable from our Information System and it would take a significant amount of time and resources to extract and manually review individual invoices to collate the information. As such, NMH declines to respond under section 18(f) as *'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'*.

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



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