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Via Email: 

### **Response to a request for official information**

Dear 

Thank you for your request for official information received 1 July 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, where you seek the following information:

- 1. The amount of money your department/organisation has spent on the hiring of external contractors in the 2020/2021 financial year.***
- 2. Could you also provide details of every contract over \$10,000, including who/ which firm was hired, to do what job, and over how long of a period.***

**NMH response:** This information is not held in a form that is readily retrievable from our Information System and, under section 18(f), *'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'*. It would take a significant amount of time and resources to extract and manually review various documents to collate this information.

However we responded to a similar question for our 2019/20 Health Select Committee Report of which is publicly available at the following link [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/documents/evidence/?custom=FINS\\_109363](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/documents/evidence/?custom=FINS_109363) Please refer to the response to question 68.

We anticipate responding to a similar question for the 2020/21 Health Select Committee Report.

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](http://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](mailto:OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz) I trust that this information meets your requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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, appearing to read 'Lexie O'Shea', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lexie O'Shea  
**Chief Executive**