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Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information as transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and received on 1 December 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

- 1. The total cost of every set-up including contractors, security, workforce, hireage, purchases, administration, equipment, computer connections, stationery and any other expense associated with these checkpoints at all hospitals and any other facilities across the nation.***

NMH response: The nature of the information requested means that we cannot determine which costs are specifically related to every 'set-up' and which are ongoing operational expenses. As the information is not available in a form that identifies set-up costs from other costs, we decline to respond under section 18(f) *'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 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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