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By email: [REDACTED]
Ref: H202004790

Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 25 June 2020 for:

*“Heather Simpson report - Were consultants used to help write this report? If so who were they and how much were they paid?
Can you please break down the total cost of the two-year review? I understand it was \$9.3 million?
What did that pay for?”*

On 23 July 2020, the due date for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act, as further research and collation was required.

Information in response to each part of your request is as follows.

“Heather Simpson report - Were consultants used to help write this report? If so who were they and how much were they paid?”

On 16 June 2020, the Minister of Health released the final report of the Health and Disability System Review. The Review was established in July 2018 and was conducted in two phases, Phase One leading to the publication of an Interim Report in August 2019. Phase Two lead to the final report.

The Chair and members of the Review, who were appointed by the Minister of Health under section of 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000, were hosted by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) and supported by a secretariat.

The Review report was written by the Chair and members of the Review who were supported by the secretariat, which included input from consultants. The total figure for the non-IT contractors and consultants used during the review is \$2,778,169, as shown in Table 1 below, broken down by contractor/consultant.

"Can you please break down the total cost of the two-year review? I understand it was \$9.3 million?

What did that pay for?"

The total cost of the Review is \$6.84 million (excluding GST). This figure reflects a \$2.5 million saving against the appropriation of \$9.3 million. The total cost of the review is broken down as follows in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Breakdown of costs for Health and Disability System Review

Item	Cost
Personnel cost	2,000,391
Travel	278,075
Communications and couriers	3,555
Printing and stationery	85,612
Operating costs (\$1,014,725)	
Office expenses	5,510
Committee fees	778,701
Other professional services	52,882
Sector and public consultation	14,765
Information purchases	503
Advertising and publicity	95
Other operating expenses	162,269
Other costs (\$3,462,081)	
Occupancy and lease costs	241,059
Non-IT contractors and consultancy	2,778,169
<i>Beyond Recruitment</i>	11,999
<i>Buddle Finlay</i>	25,941
<i>Careering Options Ltd</i>	14,719
<i>Clinnovation Limited</i>	135,360
<i>Professor Meihana Durie</i>	24,000
<i>Fernhill Solutions Limited</i>	381,900
<i>Ice Professionals New Zealand Limited</i>	12,500
<i>Inside Executive recruitment limited</i>	41,207
<i>Mauri Ora Associates Limited</i>	13,500
<i>Pattillo</i>	18,384
<i>Potentia</i>	73,637
<i>PricewaterhouseCoopers</i>	1,356,063

Aaron Randall	45,150
Sapere Research Group Ltd	483,638
Think Differently Solutions	107,700
Rick Zwart	28,380
Silverstripe	4,091
Computer services	442,853
Total review cost	6,844,439

Note all figures exclude GST.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely



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