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Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 12 November 2021 for information relating to the Intensive Care Units (ICU) and COVID-19. You requested the following:

“a detailed financial breakdown of all money directly spent on increasing ICU staffing and capacity across all DHB's in New Zealand in preparation for responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, and showing the details of all resources that have been affected”

\$2m was allocated from COVID-19 workforce funding to support district health boards (DHBs) to provide ICU surge training. All DHBs had funding approved for specific proposals. The funding is for 12 months from date of approval, which range from March 2021 through to September 2021. This funding covers nurse educator time, backfill, travel, and accommodation costs to access training. Some proposals covered all ICU-related staff, while others just covered nurses.

A breakdown of this funding can be found attached to this letter as “Financial breakdown by DHB”. Please note, only \$1,626,766.02 has been allocated so far, as two proposals are pending. DHBs submit invoices and post-training claim forms on the completion of training, which is ongoing, therefore not all the available funding has been ‘spent’.

I trust this 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. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā



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Financial breakdown of COVID-19 workforce funding by District Health Board.

DHB	Proposal Submitted	Amount Claimed	Status	Number of staff being trained	Outcome of Proposal - Approved	Average cost per head	Additional Information	Period Covered	Date Approval Letter Sent
Auckland DHB	24/02/2021	\$34,281.64	Approved	24	\$29,958.39	\$1,248.27	Received 31/03/2021	12 month period	15/03/2021
Bay of Plenty DHB	11/01/2021	\$270,116.00	Approved	200	\$270,116.00	\$1,350.58	N/A	12 month period	11/03/2021
Canterbury DHB	3/03/2021	\$207,382.00	Approved	80	\$207,382.00	\$2,300.71	Received 17/06/2021	12 month period	12/07/2021
Capital & Coast and Hutt Valley DHBs	29/01/2021	\$76,778.40	Approved	40	\$74,947.00	\$1,873.68	N/A	12 month period	11/03/2021
Counties Manukau DHB	17/02/2021	\$64,249.34	Approved	30	\$45,091.00	\$1,503.03	Revised submission	12 month period	15/03/2021
Hawke's Bay DHB	16/06/2021	\$96,271.04	Approved	70	\$116,641.60	\$1,666.31	Revised submission	12 month period	13/08/2021
Lakes DHB	12/01/2021	\$87,447.78	Approved	28	\$79,860.28	\$2,852.15	N/A	12 month period	11/03/2021
MidCentral DHB	24/02/2021	\$32,810.00	Approved	20	\$32,810.00	\$1,640.50	N/A	12 month period	11/03/2021
Nelson Marlborough DHB	4/12/2020	\$32,988.00	Approved	118	\$32,988.00	\$279.56	N/A	12 month period	11/03/2021
Northland DHB	17/06/2021	\$40,200.00	Approved	111	\$42,200.00	\$380.18	N/A	12 month period	6/07/2021
South Canterbury DHB	2/03/2021	\$316,877.00	Approved	40	\$64,400.00	\$1,610.00	Revised submission	12 month period	10/09/2021
Southern DHB	24/02/2021	\$235,440.00	Approved	146	\$235,440.00	\$1,612.60	N/A	12 month period	15/03/2021
Tairāwhiti DHB	25/02/2021	\$24,050.00	Approved	14	\$24,050.00	\$1,717.86	N/A	Not specified	11/03/2021
Taranaki DHB	11/01/2021	\$48,918.00	Approved	54	\$48,918.00	\$905.89	N/A	12 month period	11/03/2021
Waikato DHB	20/04/2021	\$175,872.00	Approved	120	\$175,872.00	\$1,465.60	Revised submission	12 month period	28/05/2021
Wairarapa DHB	11/01/2021	\$3,680.48	Approved	8	\$2,717.75	\$339.72	N/A	Not specified	11/03/2021
Waitematā DHB	2/02/2021	\$59,760.00	Approved	48	\$59,760.00	\$1,245.00	N/A	12 month period	11/03/2021
West Coast DHB	17/02/2021	\$45,696.00	Approved	30	\$45,696.00	\$2,300.71	Revised submission	12 month period	12/07/2021
Whanganui DHB	19/04/2021	\$37,918.00	Approved	39	\$37,918.00	\$972.26	N/A	12 month period	28/05/2021
Totals		\$1,890,735.68		1220	\$1,626,766.02	\$1,333.41			